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‘There is a great need right now’

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Volunteers, including Diane Binder, center, organize baked goods as they help distribute boxes of food Thursday during a drive-thru mobile food pantry sponsored by Feeding America West Michigan at Kinexus, in downtown Benton Harbor.

With more than 18% of families in the tri-county area facing hunger, food insecurity continues as pandemic lingers

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — It is estimated that an additional 14,000 people in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties are experiencing hunger today compared to before the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Before the pandemic, 13.5 percent of residents in the three counties our southwest branch serves faced hunger. Now, we estimate that around 18.6 percent of the population is struggling with hunger,” said Molly Kooi, communications manager for Feeding America West Michigan.

That’s roughly the entire population of Cass County, 52,000 people, now unsure of where their next meal might come from.

Area agencies that distribute food to those in need have all seen increases in the number of folks coming to their food giveaways and pantries, even as more things open up and jobs return.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency (SMCAA) usually serves about 5,000 families in a three-month period, but from April to June this year they served 11,000 families and are still seeing higher-than-average numbers at their monthly drive-thru pantries.

“The price of groceries has gone up,” Kim Smith Oldham, executive director of SMCAA, said this week. “Everybody that’s on a fixed income – they can’t afford to feed themselves, buy their medications. So there is a great need right now.”

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Dozens of cars line up Thursday during a drive-thru mobile food pantry sponsored by Feeding America West Michigan and held at Kinexus in downtown Benton Harbor.

Upcoming drive-thru food pantries

Oct. 19

11 a.m. at First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix St., South Haven

Oct. 21

4 p.m. at Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville

5 p.m. at Van Buren County Department of Health and Human Services, 57150 County Road 681, Hartford, www.smcaa.com

Oct. 22

1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church Ministry Center, 619 Main St., St. Joseph

Oct. 23

4 p.m. at First Baptist Church (sponsored by Calvary Road Community Church), 1446 E. Main St., Niles

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Berrien County sees spike in COVID-19

Van Buren, Cass counties also see jump in cases

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The number of new COVID-19 cases in Berrien County skyrocketed this week, with 101 new cases being recorded on Friday alone.

The county has recorded 223 new cases since last Friday, nearly doubling the 112 new cases recorded the week before.

“Over the last seven days (Thursday to Thursday) there was an average of 26 new cases per day compared to 16 new cases per day a week ago,” the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) wrote in its weekly update Friday. “We’re continuing to watch this closely as surrounding areas in the region are seeing increases in cases as well.”

The county’s percent positivity rate rose to about 5 percent this week, another sign that the spread of the virus is picking up again. That’s with about 693 tests being administered daily.

“The level of testing in Berrien County is steady and testing turnaround times continue to be quick,” the BCHD wrote.

New recoveries were high this week at 108 and deaths were still low, with just one being recorded. The previous week the county recorded 77 recoveries and one death.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is up to about 243 active COVID-19 cases, a big jump from 129 last Friday and 95 the week before that.

In total, Berrien County has now had 2,077 confirmed cases, 1,758 recoveries, 76 deaths and 282 probable

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Life on the line: Early voters wait ‘as long as it takes’

By LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Americans are accustomed to standing in line. They queue up for airport security, the latest iPhone, COVID tests, concerts or food. But the line of voters building before sunrise outside Mallard Creek High School in a distant suburb of Charlotte, North Carolina, on Thursday was different.

It was a living chain of hundreds of people who stepped into place – around the building, down some stairs and past a fleet of idled yellow school buses – determined to be counted in the elemental civic ritual of voting, which seems even more consequential in the bitterly fought 2020 presidential election.

“If you want the United States to remain united, you need to vote,” said Monique Sutton, 52 and a nurse practitioner. “Because if we get any further away from each other, I don’t know that we’ll ever be able to come back.”

The rush to vote early is a phenomenon that has shattered early turnout records across critical Mecklenburg County, battleground North Carolina and the nation, driven both by Democratic enthusiasm and a pandemic that has claimed more than 217,000 American lives.

President Donald Trump captured North Carolina by 3 percentage points in 2016 and almost certainly must win the state again to defeat his Democratic challenger, Joe Biden. Hillary Clinton overwhelmingly won Mecklenburg, the county that’s home to Charlotte. But Trump took the neighboring counties by roughly similar margins.

Biden’s formula for winning the state relies on robust turnout by Black voters and suburban women. Trump will need to again deliver enormous margins among whites in rural areas.

The pandemic is the dismal overlay of the campaign, but it has inspired record levels of early voting.

By the end of Thursday, North Carolina had accepted 333,466 in-person ballots, up from 166,000 on the first day of in-person voting in 2016. In Mecklenburg County, the number was 35,015, compared with about 14,000 on opening day

Laurie Kellman / AP

Voters line up at Mallard Creek High School on Thursday during the first day of in-person voting ahead of the Nov. 3 elections in Charlotte, N.C.

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Coronavirus surges in key battleground states as election nears

By SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Rising coronavirus cases in key presidential battleground states a little more than two weeks before Election Day are the latest worry for election officials and voters fearing chaos or exposure to the virus at polling places despite months of planning.

The prospect of poll workers backing out at the last minute because they are infected, quarantined or scared of getting sick has local election officials in Midwest states such as Iowa and Wisconsin opening more early voting locations, recruiting backup workers and encouraging voters to plan for long lines and other inconveniences.

Confirmed virus cases and deaths are on the rise in the swing states of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Wisconsin broke records this week for new coronavirus cases, deaths and hospitalizations, leading to the opening of a field hospital to handle COVID-19 patients. Gov.

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Judge finds cases against 5 in Whitmer plot can move forward

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — Prosecutors provided enough evidence to move toward trial for five Michigan men accused of plotting to kidnap the state's governor because of her measures to control spread of the coronavirus and they will all remain held without bond, a federal judge ruled Friday.

A two-day preliminary hearing in Grand Rapids this week featured testimony by one of the FBI agents who ran the investigation, relying on confidential informants and undercover agents to thwart the purported scheme to abduct Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Sally Berens said the five men's cases can go to a grand jury, which will determine whether to issue indictments. That is required for them to face trial.

Berens also ruled following a Friday bond hearing that Ty Garbin will remain in custody along with Adam Fox, who waived his right to a hearing. Berens on Tuesday denied bond for the three other Michigan residents charged in the case: Kaleb Franks, Daniel Harris and Brandon Caserta.

A sixth man, Barry Croft, was separately ordered on Tuesday to be transferred to Michigan from his home state of Delaware.

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four years earlier, according to the State Board of Elections.

Shaken by coronavirus and thinking about what comes before and after this year of isolation and blame, every one of more than a dozen line dwellers interviewed during the first six hours of in-person voting said they chose to show up because they worried that mailed-in ballots could get lost.

One after another, they spoke of a sense of urgency driving them to the polls on the first day, even though they can vote early and in-person through Halloween.

"It's just on everyone's radar," said Audrey Long, who was struck by news coverage of lines in other states, such as Georgia. "This is something that's within our control."

Their top two issues: the administration's handling of the coronavirus pandemic and Trump's refusal to acknowledge systemic racism or condemn white supremacists.

Masked and inching forward with 6 feet between them, the people in the line voiced a distinct disregard for how long they'd have to wait for the simple act of casting a ballot.

"What I tell my kids is, there's people that look like us that have died for this right," said Manny Golfe, 44, a commercial banker who waited almost two hours to vote for Democrat Joe Biden. Like most people in the line, he is Black. "So yeah, it's that important for me to get out here and wait in line for however long it takes. And if it took all day, I'd stand out there."

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Midday Daily 3
2-3-0
Midday Daily 4
5-0-1-4
Daily 3
3-5-4
Daily 4
9-6-3-1
Fantasy 5
09-23-26-28-34
Keno
02-05-08-09-11-20-22-29-30-32-39-43-47-50-57-60-64-66-68-70-76-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$77 million
Powerball jackpot
$82 million

Thursday drawings

Illinois

Lotto
04-07-08-20-49-50, Extra Shot: 15
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-11-15-16-28
Estimated jackpot
$100,000
Pick Three-Midday
5-2-7, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
1-3-0, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Midday
1-9-8-8, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Evening
8-1-5-2, Fireball: 6
Lucky Day Lotto
09-24-29-40-45

Indiana

Cash 5
03-07-11-23-25

Cash4Life
24-37-42-57-58, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
03-08-15-20-22-25-29-31-34-47-49-56-58-59-63-64-67-70-77-80, BE: 8
Daily Three-Midday
6-0-4, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
8-8-8, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
8-0-6-9, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
4-7-2-4, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
01-09-14-28-29-34-35-36-37-38-40-46-48-52-57-60-61-71-73-76, BE: 14

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HUNGER

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About 27 percent of tri-county residents calling 211 between April and October needed help with food, according to 211's data dashboard.

211 is a free and confidential statewide service that helps people find local resources.

The top need during that time was for food, followed by housing/shelter and utilities. These were also the top needs during non-pandemic times.

"Filling those three needs are our focus right now," Smith Oldham said.

Berrien County ranks fourth out of Michigan's 83 counties for food requests to the 211 line during the pandemic.

Carole Sternaman, executive director of Hope Resources – a food pantry and resource center in Coloma, said the demand for food actually went down a lot during the stay-at-home order portion of the pandemic, for them.

"I attribute that mainly to the unemployment and stimulus checks. Also, the kids in the school districts were being fed. So the families were fine," she said.

Now, however, demand is on the rise and they're seeing a lot new families coming in for food.

"I'm seeing people that I haven't seen since last year, or January/February," Sternaman said. "I don't know if that will continue. I think part of it is the unemployment running out."

Smith Oldham said they've seen a broad range of people coming to their pantry events.

"At first when the pandemic hit, a lot of people just didn't want to go to the grocery store," she said.

Kooi said Feeding America West Michigan saw that at their events too, along with many seniors feeling like it was the only safe place to get groceries.

"Obviously we see new people all the time, all year long, but we're seeing big groups of people we've never seen before because they never needed our help," she said. "Those are people who always had a steady job, but COVID happened, and now they don't. Or school closed and now they're home with their child."

Hope Resources, along North Paw Paw Street in Coloma, serves anyone in the Coloma, Watervliet and Hagar No. 6 school districts.

Sternaman said before the pandemic, the organization never delivered groceries to anyone.

"Unless it was someone we knew very very well, but our board of directors and some other volunteers stepped up to start the delivery system and it's worked very well," she said.

The deliveries will continue, as well as drive-thru pantries that SMCAA started.

"It's kind of like going to the grocery store," Smith Oldham said. "They stop at each section and volunteers put the food in the trunks. It's worked out well and will continue."

Kooi said Feeding America West Michigan has only added 14 more mobile food pantry events this year between March 16 and August, but they are distributing about 50 percent more food during the events.

"From March 16 through August, our southwest branch distributed a little over 1,013,000 pounds of food via mobile pantries compared to a little over 678,000 pounds last year," she said.

What allows them to distribute that much more food to their agency partners and mobile pantries, is an increase in support, and just buying more food to put on the shelves, according to Kooi.

"The food is coming in the same way as it always has, donations and purchasing, but we're just getting more of it to meet the increased need," she said.

Sternaman said the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has "flooded" Hope Resources with inexpensive food.

"So it's not costing us more to buy the food," she said.

Area farmers and community gardens have also added to the ability of local agencies to give out food while the need is so high.

Another big need for many of SMCAA clients is personal hygiene products. The agency held a drive this week, which continues today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Dollar in South Haven, to collect some of these supplies to give out at their next drive-thru food pantry.

While some of the need has started to decline again, Kooi said that heightened level of need isn't going away anytime soon.

"A lot of people were pushed past the point of a quick return, so we're still trying to support people as they get back up on their feet," she said. "Also with the cold weather coming, a lot of people will have increased utility bills and outdoor work will reduce. So those two factors always heighten the need for us, especially in Michigan, but those things coupled with the long-term impact of a virus like this, there's just an ongoing need."

All three agency officials said they couldn't do what they do without volunteers, and that they are preparing for that heightened need going forward.

"Food is a crucial part of a healthy life," Kooi said. "Outside of income and a roof over your head, food is one of the most crucial needs. We're ready and able to meet the need. We've prepared for that increased distribution through this year and into next."

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Oct. 26

4 p.m. at Baroda Bible Church, 9058 Third St., Baroda

Oct. 27

4 p.m. at Kinexus (sponsored by Gast Industries), 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor

Oct. 28

10 a.m. at SMCAA Warehouse, 331 Miller St., Benton Harbor, www.smcaa.com

10 a.m. at Lawrence Village Hall, 457 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, www.smcaa.com

4 p.m. at North Berrien Fire Department (sponsored by New Freedom Church), 170 Washington St., Coloma

Oct. 29

4 p.m. at First Christian Church (sponsored by ACTION Ministry Center), 121 Oak St., Dowagiac

Oct. 30

11 a.m. at Freshwater Community Church (sponsored by Van Buren Senior Services), 600 E. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw

For a complete list of Feeding America West Michigan's mobile food pantries, visit www.feedwm.org/mobile-pantry-schedule.

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cases. That's an addition of 14 probable cases over last week.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 17 COVID-19 patients Friday morning. That's compared to 13 last Friday and 14 the Friday before that.

"Our healthcare capacity remains strong at the moment, though we do have more people being admitted to the hospital with COVID-19" the BCHD wrote Friday. "Thank you to everyone who is continuing to keep up with all the prevention activities we know will help limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community: social distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene, and staying home/away from others if you're sick."

Van Buren/Cass

Cass and Van Buren counties also saw jumps in new COVID-19 cases this week.

Cass County added 104 cases over last Friday. The previous week the county had added 55, and the week before that 41.

The county's percent positivity rate increased to 4.7 percent this week, up from 4.4 percent last week. That's with about 136 tests being administered daily.

In addition, the county added 53 recoveries this week. Last week, the county added 31.

It recorded three more COVID-19 deaths this week as well.

In total, Cass County has had 727 cases, 23 deaths and 469 recoveries.

Van Buren County added 77 new COVID-19 cases this week. The previous week the county added 44 and the week before that 33.

The county's percent positivity rate increased to 4.1 percent this week, up from 3.3 the week before. That's with about 318 tests being administered daily.

Van Buren County added 31 recoveries this week. Last week, the county added 34. No new deaths were recorded.

In total, the county has now had 821 cases, 16 deaths and 639 recoveries.

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Tony Evers said he plans to activate the Wisconsin National Guard to fill any staffing shortages at election sites.

While holding a competitive presidential election during a pandemic is "tricky business," the governor said, "People are ready to have this election over, and I think it will be a successful election with very few hiccups."

In Iowa, Scott County Auditor Roxanna Moritz opened additional early voting sites in and around Davenport, the state's third-largest city, to try to reduce the number of people casting ballots on Election Day and to keep the virus from spreading in large precincts.

"We have to remember that there is this thing called COVID," Moritz said. "Our numbers aren't getting any better. The more people I can get to early vote, the better."

The pandemic's recent trajectory close to home has some voters reconsidering a lifetime habit of entering a voting booth on Election Day.

In some states, voting early still has carried health risks. Voters in Georgia, Texas and elsewhere encountered hours-long lines that required congregating with hundreds of other people this week. In Georgia, nearly a quarter of the workers in a warehouse where Fulton County's election supplies are kept and voting equipment is readied tested positive for COVID-19.

The positive test results for 13 of the preparation center's 60 workers shouldn't delay election operations, county elections director Rick Barron said. Barron said Georgia's most populous county is working to hire replacement staff and to implement additional safety measures, including daily rapid testing.

Voters in several Midwest states contested by U.S. President Donald Trump and his Democratic challenger, former Vice President Joe Biden, encountered lines when they went to cast early ballots on Friday. Some described the decision to vote this year as one that required deliberation and even courage.

Robert Baccus, 52, an independent contractor from Columbus, Ohio, was among hundreds in line at the Franklin County Board of Elections early voting center. He said he doesn't trust voting by mail, so early voting was his best option for casting a ballot while trying to safeguard his health.

"It's a choice between life and death, really," said Baccus, a supporter of Democratic nominee Joe Biden. "We could not do it and our votes won't be counted. It's a choice I've got to make for my children and grandchildren."

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ELECTION 2020

Seven candidates vie for 4 seats on BH school board

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Seven people are vying for four spots on the Benton Harbor school board in November.

Trustee Darwin Watson is the only incumbent running to remain on the board. Not seeking re-election are President Joseph Taylor, Vice President Michelle Crowder and Trustee Denise Whatley-Seats.

Running with Watson for the open seats are Reinaldo Tripplett, Stephanie Rockette-Martin, Trenton Bowens, Marvin Haywood, Angel Clark-Crayton and Apollonia Williams-Ellis.

The four winners will serve until 2024.

Trustee Dashuna Robinson, the board's secretary, is running uncontested for a partial term, which will end in 2022.

Darwin Watson

Watson, 52, of Benton Harbor was appointed to the school board in October 2019. He said the reason he wants to stay on the board can be summed up in five words – our children's and community's future.

He said a quality educational system in one of the pillars that supports a viable and thriving community.

"The value of our students' education defines the valuation of our community," he said. "It is my belief that student success in today's rapidly evolving world requires an educational environment that maximizes each child's potential. Benton Harbor

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JOSEPHINE SAYS 'MASK UP'

Don Campbell / HP staff

The bronze sculpture "Josephine And Her Cubs," by artist Elke Kramer, sports a mask Friday afternoon near the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library in downtown St. Joseph.

ELECTION 2020

Unique situation for Watervliet school district voters

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

WATERVLIET — The race for seats on the Watervliet school board is somewhat unique this election.

No one filed to run for a partial term seat, while four people filed to run for three full-term, six-year seats.

Board president Bill Spaulding, who is one of the four candidates, said the board would have to appoint someone to the partial term seat after the election.

"The fourth highest vote getter, which could be me, will be invited to apply for the open board seat, but they wouldn't automatically get it," he said.

Spaulding said his assumption, in talking with the candidates, is that no one filed for the seat because filing to run for office was different this year due to COVID-19 precautions. Usually a clerk's office employee would be able to coach the filer about all the seats that are open to run for, he said.

The Watervliet school board has appointed people to open board seats in the past. Spaulding said the board usually interviews all the candidates who apply.

The two openings for board members were created by Trustee Ted Tees retiring and Trustee Andy Dehaven resigning earlier this year.

Spaulding, a manager at Pepsi, has served on the board since 2004, and has served as president and vice president.

The other people running are incumbent Matthew Clay, as well as Kimberly Adams and Brian Gruszczyk.

Clay, the executive director of health services for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, has been on the school board since 2014, when he was appointed to fill a vacancy.

He serves as the board's secretary, and also served as a Watervliet Township trustee for three years. He and his wife have five children in the school district.

Adams, who has lived in the district since 2007, said she's running for a seat because she has three kids in the district and wants to be involved.

"Instead of just saying I want things to be changed, I thought, you might as well take action and be part of the solution," she said. "I want to be a voice for our community."

Adams is a mom, wife and full-time phlebotomist.

Gruszczyk, who works in the health care field as a large account manager, said he's running because he wants to contribute to making the community a better place.

"I work with people of all walks of life from hospital CEOs to everyday people. I think having those experiences and bringing them to the board will be an asset in making a difference. There's a lot of stuff we can work on and tackle," he said.

While Gruszczyk has lived in the school district for the last five years. He was born and raised in the area and has an eighth-grader at Watervliet schools, along with a college student who graduated from Watervliet.

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Home invasion

Kirsten E. Guillen, 30, of Michigan City, Ind., 38 months to 5 years in prison, credit for 123 days served, $68 in costs and $15,000 in restitution for third-degree home invasion; and a concurrent term of 29 months to 5 years and $198 in costs for attempted unlawful imprisonment April 4 in Three Oaks.

Drunken driving

Jeremiah A. Himmelein, 38, of Allegan, 18 months to 5 years in prison, credit for 14 days served, and $198 in costs for operating while intoxicated, third offense, Nov. 13, 2019, in Coloma Township.

Kevin T. Stewart, 27, of Nickerson Avenue, Benton Harbor, two concurrent terms of 37 days in jail, credit for 37 days served, $1,158 in fines and costs and $6,125 in restitution for operating while intoxicated and fourth-degree fleeing police Aug. 8 in Benton Township.

Vehicle theft

Raven Lee-Edward Richardson, 25, of Kalamazoo, 150 days in jail, credit for 55 days served, and $198 in costs for unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle Aug. 19 in Watervliet.

Other

Martell Murphy, 32, of South Bend, Ind., 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,698 in fines and costs, $367 in restitution and 18 months probation for illegal use of a financial transaction device Dec. 18, 2019. Baker broke into a woman's vehicle in Watervliet, stole her purse, used her credit cards at Walmart in Benton Township and hid the cards behind some toys before leaving the store, according to court records.

Niles

Fleeing police

Joshua W. Johnson, 24, of U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, 90 days in jail, credit for 51 days served, and $198 in costs for fourth-degree fleeing police July 26 in Berrien Township.

LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

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House Bill 6030, Epidemic liability shield for employers: Passed 23 to 14 in the Senate

To establish that businesses and other facilities are not liable for an individual catching COVID-19 on their premises unless the owner or operator acted deliberately in a manner that causes harm. The exemption would apply as long as the facility was operated in compliance with federal, state and local statutes or regulations or executive orders. "Isolated, de minimis deviations" would not be grounds for a lawsuit. The provisions would also apply to any person in the distribution chain of personal protective equipment, medical devices, drugs and more used to treat or prevent the spread of COVID-19.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 6032, Authorize employee "adverse action" lawsuits in epidemic: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To authorize employee lawsuits against an employer who takes an "adverse employment action" or "retaliates" against an employee who is absent from work during the declared coronavirus epidemic emergency because the individual is "self-isolating or self-quarantining" in response to an elevated risk or diagnosis, and require employees who test positive for the disease or have symptoms to self-quarantine and not go to work, as specified in the bill.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 6159, Medical providers liability waiver in epidemic: Passed 29 to 8 in the Senate

To give medical care providers immunity from lawsuits seeking damages for their actions and treatments during the first months of the coronavirus epidemic. The bill states:

"A health care provider or health care facility that provides health care services in support of this state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is not liable for an injury, including death, sustained by an individual by reason of those services, regardless of how, under what circumstances, or by what cause those injuries are sustained, unless it is established that the provision of the services constituted willful misconduct, gross negligence, intentional and willful criminal misconduct, or intentional infliction of harm by the health care provider or health care facility."

This would apply retroactively for the period after March 29, 2020 and before July 14, 2020.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

Senate Bill 886, Epidemic response bills – expanded unemployment benefits: Passed 101 to 0 in the House

To suspend through the end of 2020 various limits, restrictions and requirements related to collecting state unemployment insurance benefits for layoffs related to the epidemic. Among other things benefits would be payable for up to 26 weeks instead of 20 weeks; benefit payments would not be assessed against an employer's unemployment insurance account; workers would not have to seek another job while collecting benefits; "work-sharing" plans would be allowed; eligibility restrictions would be eased and more. The bill also clarifies that individuals who are independent contractors were eligible for benefits as of March 15, 2020. An earlier "tie-bar" was removed, meaning other bills extending epidemic-related liability protections to employers and other institutions do not also have to become law for this one to become law.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

Senate Bill 1094, Restrict coronavirus admissions to nursing homes without specified safeguards: Passed 101 to 0 in the House

To restrict admitting an individual who has tested positive for coronavirus to a nursing home unless it can provide a designated area for coronavirus patients, with staff retraining to provide the appropriate level of care necessary, subject to various exceptions.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

House Bill 6100, Restrict "Integrated Public Alert Warning System" use by governor: Passed 57 to 44 in the House

To prohibit officials including the governor from using an official "Integrated Public Alert Warning System" to transmit an announcement of a new law or change in government policy. The bill would limit its use to emergencies involving immediate or nearly immediate loss of life or property. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer used this system during her ongoing state of emergency to make announcements that did not meet this standard. The system is described as a "secure network connecting all of the public alert and warning systems in the United States into a single system."

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

House Bill 4035, Ban local dog regulations based on breed: Passed 88 to 13 in the House

To prohibit a local government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or rule that regulates dogs on the basis of their breed.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	N
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

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IN BRIEF

SJ meeting again gets cancelled

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph City Commission has again postponed its meeting as municipal governments await clarity on meeting rules related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The city commission postponed its Oct. 12 meeting to Oct. 19, and now has cancelled that meeting. City Manager John Hodgson said city officials hope to meet on Oct. 26.

Earlier this month, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's pandemic-related executive orders invalid, and those orders are now void. Among the orders was a limit to the number of people who could gather at indoor venues. Many local governmental bodies, expecting their attendance to exceed the minimum allowed, have been holding their public meetings by Zoom or some other online venue.

Elected officials are now struggling with whether they can continue to livestream their meetings or hold them on Zoom for people who don't want to attend a live meeting without violating the state's Open Meetings Act.

In St. Joseph's case, City Manager Hodgson noted that as many as 100 people have attended meetings held by Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic.

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Robbins

July 1, 1922 – Oct. 12, 2020

Eleanor Elizabeth "Betty" Robbins, 98, of St. Joseph passed away Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at The Whitcomb Senior Living Community in St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at noon, Monday, Oct. 19, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road., St. Joseph, with Pastor Steve Hartten officiating. Out of respect for the family and guests in attendance, masks and social distancing will be required. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens.

Betty was born July 1, 1922, in Eau Claire to Bruce and Helen (Moore) Glade.

She spent her early years on her family's farm in Pipestone Township. Betty attended Burke Grade School, then graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1940.

In 1958, Betty began working as a Berrien County welfare employee and continued holding this position through the merge with the state of Michigan, retiring in 1987.

On Feb. 15, 1984, she married Jack Robbins in Las Vegas.

Betty enjoyed spending winters in Florida on her dock enjoying coffee in the morning and cocktails in the evenings. Whenever she was asked by her fellow neighbors if she would like to join in on a gathering, Betty was always eager to participate. She was an avid fan of the University of Michigan and the Chicago Cubs.

Until Betty was in her early 80s, she could almost always be found out on the golf course playing a round of golf with her friends or on a seniors bus touring many parts of this country. Betty enjoyed the challenge of organizing golf league outings, as well as Coquina Cove winter functions.

Betty is survived by her daughters: Pat (Cliff) DeSchaaf, Joyce Marquardt and Jean (Robert) Cecil; grandchildren: Michael (Michelle) DeSchaaf, Jeff (Nicole) DeSchaaf, Aryn (Pedro) Del Valle, Justin (Alexis) Cecil, Benjamin Cecil; great-grandchildren: Otto, Kaia, Piper, Antonio, Cullan, Caelyn; and brother-in-law, Lee Wolff.

Betty was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jack; parents: Bruce and Helen; and siblings: George Glade, Joyce Wolff and Frank Glade.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peace Lutheran Church or Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

June Harting

Jan. 12, 1944 – Oct. 9, 2020

June Niemira Harting, 76, of West Bloomfield, Mich., and Bethany Beach, Del., passed away in Delaware after a long illness, on Oct. 9, 2020, surrounded by her husband and children.

June was born on Jan. 12, 1944, in Fairbury, Neb., to Thaddeus and Doris Gann Niemira, who preceded her in death; as did a son, Ralph John "Jay" Harting III.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph John Harting Jr.; two sons: William (Katherine) Harting of Carlisle, Pa., and Joseph (Dana Bova) of Mendota Heights, Minn.; a daughter, Sarah, of Arlington, Va.; and eight grandchildren; as well as her twin sister, May (Gary) Sisson of St. Joseph, and numerous extended family.

June's family moved to Benton Harbor when she was in elementary school. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School and earned a bachelor of music degree from the University of Michigan and a master of music degree from West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

Over the years, she directed bands and choirs and taught music in grades 1 through 12 in the Huron Valley Schools, Milford, Mich.; West Bloomfield Schools, West Bloomfield, Mich.; the Independence School, Newark, Del.; and the International Primary School, Zurich, Switzerland. She also directed bell choirs in Michigan and was very active in Tuesday Musicale in the Orchard Lake, Mich., area.

June also did extensive research on family genealogy, much appreciated by her extended family.

She married Ralph John Harting Jr., on April 15, 1974; they celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary this year. Over the years, Ralph's career took them from Michigan to Delaware, to Zurich, Switzerland, and back to Michigan. When they returned to Michigan, they resumed their membership in Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, where they had been married.

June's greatest joy was her children and grandchildren, who will greatly miss her.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, Mich. Visitation and viewing will take place at the funeral home from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, with masks and social distancing, followed by a graveside service.

Elizabeth Anna Terry

May 17, 1931– Oct. 9, 2020

Elizabeth Anna "Betty" Terry, 89, died in her home Oct. 9, 2020, at 5:40 p.m., after a long illness.

She was born on May 17, 1931, in Chicago, to the late William and Anna (Punter) Eilerman.

She grew up on family farms until graduation from Hartford High School and lived in South Bend since 1948.

On June 27, 1953, she married Glenn L. Terry at St. Patrick's Church in South Bend. He survives.

She is also survived by a brother, Edward Eilerman of Mishawaka; three children: Michael J. (Janet) Terry of South Bend, Patricia A. (Michael) Douglas of Elkhart, and Amy E. (Eugene) E. Dylewski II of Granger; 12 grandchildren: Shawn (Christine) Terry, Lucas Terry, Stephen (Swati) Douglas, Michael Douglas, JR, Bradley Douglas, Eugene (Molly) Dylewski III, Amanda (Caleb) Mast, Joshua Dylewski, Zachary (Elleigh) Dylewski, Jacob Dylewski and Emmy Lou (Adam) Diltz; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous relatives in Germany.

Her grandson, Jason Douglas, preceded her in death on Nov. 13, 2017.

Betty moved to South Bend in 1948 from Hartford to attend South Bend College of Commerce for secretarial training. She worked as a secretary at the University of Notre Dame LOUND Institute for five years, then retired to be a homemaker and mother.

She enjoyed making her own Christmas cards and she liked to read and work jigsaw and crossword puzzles. One of her favorite activities was visiting Indiana state parks with family and friends.

In the spring, summer and fall, she happily spent time with her flowers and tending her small garden. She loved to go to garage sales, and tell friends that her home was furnished with early American garage sale items.

She devoted a lot of time as a volunteer to the cause of Respect for Life, especially the unborn child. She was a co-founder of St. Joseph County Right to Life. She served on the board of directors of St. Joseph County Right to Life, Inc. for many years in various capacities. She was the office coordinator for the Right to Life office for over 20 years.

An important part of her life, for a long time, was being an active member of Little Flower Catholic Church. She was also an active member of the Cursillo Movement for many years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, Oct. 13, at St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church, South Bend. Burial followed at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger, Ind.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Michiana Right to Life, INC, 2004 Ironwood Cir, South Bend, IN 46635, or to Little Flower Catholic Church, 54191 N. Ironwood Rd. South Bend, IN 46635.

To send private condolences, please visit www.McGannHay.com.

Melissa Hinz

Jan. 25, 1942 – Oct. 15, 2020

Melissa Hinz, 78, formerly of Benton Harbor passed away Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, exactly three months after her husband of 59 years.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Adam Bohland officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens, Coloma. Friends may visit with the family from 12:30-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations in Melissa's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Berrien County Cancer Service. Those wishing to sign Melissa's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Melissa was born Jan. 25, 1942, in Escanaba, Mich., to Howard and Myrle (Pryor) Sunblad.

The family moved to Benton Harbor in 1957, and she graduated from Benton Harbor High School, class of 1960. While at Benton Harbor High, she was a member of the Tiger's Marching Band. Music was her life.

Melissa loved playing music and had a beautiful singing voice, something she learned from her mother, who was a private music instructor. She played piano, organ, string base, clarinet and accordion and was a member of the symphony orchestra. In her high school, Melissa appeared in a Life Magazine article when she attended the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Mich., at the time, the most famous summer music workshop in the U.S.

On July 8, 1961, Melissa married Robert Hinz, in St. Joseph and worked for a number of years at the St. Joseph Credit Bureau.

She most importantly was a homemaker and was always there for her children. Family meant everything to Melissa.

Melissa was a strong supporter of the March of Dimes and enjoyed volunteering as a candy striper at Memorial (Lakeland) Hospital's gift shop.

Throughout the years, Melissa worked part-time jobs at Subway and Farmer Friday's in Coloma, and was considered a "mom" to all that worked with her. Melissa was also known for taking neighborhood children under her wing.

Melissa was a sweet, kind soul with a great sense of humor and special innocence to her, always smiling and positive. She loved to play and sing gospel music and taught Sunday school at Zion Evangelical in St. Joseph.

Melissa continued to play piano for the other residents at the nursing homes she resided in (most recently Bronson Commons) until her many illnesses prevented her from playing.

Melissa's hobbies over the years included embroidery and ceramics. She also had a huge sweet tooth and enjoyed anything to do with Elvis.

Melissa is survived by her loving children: Julie (Mark) Frazee of St. Joseph, Cheryl Hinz and Robin Hinz, both of Watervliet, Michael Hinz of Battle Creek; three grandchildren: Dr. Joseph "Joey" (Kasia) Frazee of Indianapolis, Kelly Frazee of Grand Rapids, Levi (Brandi) Hinz of Watervliet; four great-grandchildren: Warren, Kenzie, Kayden and Cody; her sister, Marie Hirn of Gladstone, Mich.; her brother, Larry (Sharon) Sunblad of Milford, Mich.; her sister-in-law, Mary Sunblad of Stevensville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob, on July 15, 2020; her brother, David Sunblad; and a brother-in-law, Donald "Doc" Hirn.

Death notices

William V. "Sonny" Ballard, 81, of Coloma, formerly of Leesburg, Fla., died Oct. 14, 2020. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home, Coloma, 468-6000.

Gregg Dilley, 60, of Berrien Springs died Oct. 15, 2020. Heritage Chapel and Cremation Services, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

June Niemira Harting, 76, of West Bloomfield, Mich., and Bethany Beach, Del., died Oct. 9, 2020. Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, Mich., 248-684-6645.

Melissa Hinz, 78, formerly of Benton Harbor, died Oct. 15, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Eleanor Elizabeth "Betty" Robbins, 98, of St. Joseph died Oct. 12, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Elizabeth Terry, 89, died Oct. 9, 2020, in her home. McGann – Hay Funeral Home, University Chapel, South Bend, 574-232-1411.

Otis Wilburn, Sr., 82, of Benton Township died Oct. 11, 2020, at his home. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

Karen Lynnette (Olson) York, 69, of New Buffalo died Oct. 15, 2020, at her residence. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Gary Lowrey

June 22, 1949 – Oct. 10, 2020

Gary Lowrey, of Hermantown, Minn., passed away Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, in his home, surrounded by loved ones.

Gary was born June 22, 1949, to John and Idola Lowrey, in Benton Harbor.

After graduating from BHHS, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour of duty on Okinawa.

Gary married Elaine Firme in 1968. and they lived in Duluth, Minn., for five years, then they "went their separate ways."

He then married Linda Hesselgrave in 1974 and lived in Georgetown, Ind., and Marietta, Ga.

Gary was a heavy equipment mechanic for many years and he loved his work, was a volunteer firefighter, and loved fishing and hunting. After his marriage with Linda ended, he re-married Elaine in 2008 and they lived in North Dakota for six years, then moved back to Duluth in 2015. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Hermantown, Minn., and enjoyed volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank.

Gary waged a courageous battle with a brain tumor for 17 years, and more recently, Parkinson's and leukemia.

He is predeceased by his parents; brothers: John and Steve; an infant daughter, and former wife, Linda.

Gary is survived by his wife, Elaine; daughter, Kathy (Jim) Boucher; step-daughter, Jodie (Ed) Hudak; stepson, Matthew (Emily) Soufflet; sister, Dianna (Doug) Leitz; six grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

The family appreciates everyone's support.

William Ballard

March 4, 1939 – Oct. 14, 2020

William V. "Sonny" Ballard, 81, of Coloma formerly of Leesburg, Fla., passed away Oct. 14, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20. at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma where the family will receive friends beginning on hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Coloma Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Sonny may be made to the charity of your choice. Those wishing to leave an online message of remembrance may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Sonny was born March 4, 1939, in Caruthersville, Mo., to Wilburn and Geneva (Greenwell) Ballard.

He married the love of his life, Mary Ann Schoonover in 1958.

In 1968 he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army National Guard.

He and his wife together operated Big A Auto Parts in Leesburg for 41 years. In his free time he loved to hunt and fish. They also traveled to every state except Hawaii. He was also a very active member of Calvary Baptist Church in Fruitland Park, Fla.

He leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Mary Ann; two sisters: Mary (Jerry) Drake of Bangor, and Carolyn Sue (C.L.) Collins of Coloma; along with his cherished pets: "Heidi" and "Daisy."

Sonny was preceded by his parents, and a brother, Roy.

Gregg Dilley

April 7, 1960 – Oct. 15, 2020

Gregg Dilley, 60, of Berrien Springs passed away Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9123 George St., Berrien Springs, with Pastor Douglas Adams officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Berrien Springs. Those wishing to share a memory of Gregg online may do so at www.heritage-chapel.com.

Gregg was born April 7, 1960, in Niles to Darwin & Ruth (Heimbuch) Dilley.

Gregg graduated from Berrien Springs High School in 1978.

Gregg worked at the Cook Nuclear Plant for several years. In his spare time he enjoyed playing basketball and listening to music.

Gregg is survived by his mother, Ruth Dilley; brothers: Blake (fiancé, Kim Barron) Dilley, and Dennis (Lorraine) Dilley; two nephews: Tim and Rusty Dilley, and many cousins.

Gregg was preceded in death by his father, Darwin Dilley.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Tiffany Danielle Crawford of Granger, Ind., and Landon Jon Dunlap of Osceola, Ind.

Emily Stacia DeMott of San Antonio, and Cody Michael Rogers of Bloomington, Ind.

Danielle Marie Duffy and James Frederick Pierce III both of South Bend.

Gladys Kristine Handzlik of Westville, Ind., and Antonio Ponce De Leon of Portage, Ind.

Kaitlyn Nicole McDonald and Dillion Martin-Lee Nutting both of Niles.

Miranda Elizabeth Rivette and Preston Scott Parish both of St. Joseph.

Nikita Dennae Weldy and Lorne Christopher Mitchell both of Benton Harbor.

Kathryn Carretero Williams and Amador Cortez both of St. Joseph.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

New Buffalo – Boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, Caroline Alden and Blake Murphy, 11:04 a.m. Oct. 7.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Baroda – Girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, Megan and Bastiaan VanKrimpen, 6 p.m. Oct. 8.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Juanita Clark, 9:16 a.m. Oct. 12.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, TayJah Turner, 12:28 a.m. Oct. 14.

Eau Claire – Boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, Patrice and Joshua Zerafa, 8:11 a.m. Oct. 8.

St. Joseph – Girl, 7 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces, Ellen and Tom Brinkman, 2:14 p.m. Oct. 14.

St. Joseph – Girl, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, Kathrine and Joel Heeringa, 6:28 p.m. Oct. 7.

Getting it straight

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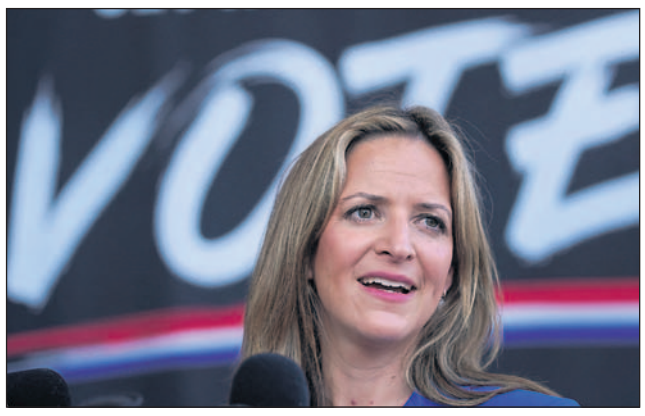
Michigan won't allow open carry of guns near polls on Nov. 3

By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
Associated Press/ Report for America



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Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson speaks in Detroit on Sept. 24. Michigan will not allow people to openly carry guns at or near polling places on Election Day in an effort to limit voter intimidation, the state's top election official said on Friday.

LANSING — Michigan will not allow people to openly carry guns at or near polling places on Election Day in an effort to limit voter intimidation, the state's top election official said Friday.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson sent the guidance to clerks just over a week after members of two anti-government paramilitary groups were charged with taking part in plotting the kidnapping of Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Some of the men were charged under federal law and others under state law.

Benson's announcement also comes as some elections officials and voter rights experts nationwide are concerned about violence at the polls as a divided electorate votes in one of the most contentious elections in U.S. history. Also, President Donald Trump has been urging his supporters to go the polls and "watch very carefully," raising concerns about possible voter intimidation.

Benson said people would not be allowed to openly carry firearms within 100 feet of polling places on Nov. 3. That rule does not apply to in-person early voting, which is already underway, and concealed guns will still be allowed, except if the polling place is at a church or school, where firearms are banned.

"The presence of firearms at the polling place, clerk's office(s), or absent voter counting board may cause disruption, fear, or intimidation for voters, election workers, and others present," Benson's guidance said. "Absent clear standards, there is potential for confusion and uneven application of legal requirements for Michigan's 1,600 election officials, 30,000 election inspectors, 8 million registered voters, and thousands of challengers and poll watchers on Election Day."

State law enforcement, including Col. Joe Gasper of the Michigan State Police, supports Benson, according to a media release.

"Michigan voters have the right to vote in person on Election Day free from threat and intimidation," Democratic Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said in the release. "An armed presence at the polls is inconsistent with our notion of a free democracy."

Election inspectors must post signs alerting voters of the prohibition, according to the guidance. Firearms can be left in vehicles parked within 100 feet of buildings.

Republican Michigan Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey expressed frustration with Benson's actions.

"The Majority Leader wishes the Secretary would put effort into reducing wait times for people trying to renew their driver's licenses, but we recognize her actual job is not as attention-grabbing as making up firearm policies less than 20 days before an election," spokesperson Amber McCann said in a written statement.

Michigan court stops 2-week absentee ballot extension

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Absentee ballots must arrive by Election Day to be counted, the Michigan Court of Appeals said Friday, blocking a 14-day extension that had been ordered by a lower court and embraced by key Democratic officials.

The appeals court, in a 3-0 opinion, said any changes must rest with the Legislature, not the judiciary.

Absentee ballot extensions ordered by judges in Wisconsin and Indiana have also been overturned by higher courts.

Michigan's ability to handle a flood of ballots will be closely watched in a state that was narrowly won by President Donald Trump in 2016. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson last week said 2.7 million people had requested absentee ballots, a result of a change in law that makes them available to any voter.

Michigan law says absentee ballots must be turned in by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be valid. But Court of Claims Judge Cynthia Stephens had ordered that any ballots postmarked by Nov. 2 could be counted if they arrived within two weeks after the Nov. 3 election.

Stephens said there was "unrefuted evidence" about mail delivery problems because of the coronavirus pandemic. She said more than 6,400 ballots arrived too late to be counted in the August primary.

The appeals court, however, said the pandemic and any delivery woes "are not attributable to the state."

"Although those factors may complicate plaintiffs' voting process, they do not automatically amount to a loss of the right to vote absentee," the court said, noting that hundreds of special boxes have been set up across Michigan.

Benson and Attorney General Dana Nessel, both Democrats, declined to appeal Stephens' decision, leaving it to the Republican-controlled Legislature to intervene.

The case was heard by appeals court judges Michael Gadola, Mark Boonstra and Thomas Cameron. All were appointed when Rick Snyder, a Republican, was governor.

The lawsuit was filed by a group called Michigan Alliance for Retired Americans.

Pfizer: Mid-November earliest it can seek virus vaccine OK

NEW YORK (AP) — Pfizer Inc. cannot request emergency authorization of its COVID-19 vaccine before the third week of November – and that's if everything goes well, the company's CEO announced Friday.

Despite President Donald Trump's repeated promises of a vaccine before Election Day, scientists have been cautioning that it's unlikely data showing a leading shot actually works would come until November or December.

Another leading U.S. contender, Moderna Inc., previously announced the earliest it could seek authorization of its own vaccine would be Nov. 25.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla has long said it's possible testing might reveal by the end of October if his company's vaccine actually protects against the coronavirus. But in Friday's announcement, he made clear that effectiveness is only part of the equation.

The vaccine also must be proven safe. And to qualify for an "emergency use authorization," any COVID-19 vaccine must track at least half the participants in large-scale studies for two months after their second dose, the time period in which side effects are likely to appear.

Bourla estimated Pfizer's 44,000-person study will reach that milestone in the third week of November.

"We are operating at the speed of science," he wrote in a letter posted to the company's website.

The vaccine made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech are among several leading candidates in final testing.

CANDIDATES

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Area Schools deserve the best, and it is important that we continually push for excellence, ask the tough questions, demand thorough and transparent answers and expect superior results."

He said the school district helps develop highly educated, well-rounded young adults through controlled class sizes, committed educators, meaningful family engagement and individualized guidance counseling.

Watson, a self-employed consultant, previously worked for the city of Benton Harbor, starting in 1995 and serving as city manager from 2014 through 2019. He has two children, with the youngest graduating from Benton Harbor High School in 2019.

Trenton Bowens

Bowens, 32, of Benton Harbor said he wants to make a positive difference in the academic outcomes of the district's students.

BOWENS

"I want to ensure that our teachers and staff are properly paid what they deserve for doing one of the most important jobs in the community," he said. "I want to help the superintendent turn around the test scores and achievement levels for our students. ... I want to be a part of the solution and not just a vocal part of the problem with no real answers on how to help solve them."

He said that his experience as a Benton Harbor city commissioner from 2012 to 2014 puts him in a position to understand that decisions need to be based on what is right, not who is popular. He said it's important to work with the superintendent, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm tired of seeing superintendents take six figure payouts to leave the district before they were ever given the chance to turn things around for reasons no one really knows." he said. "That money could have been better spent on our students' education and our staff's salaries."

As a community organizer, he said his "Stronger Together" initiative shows that he is a uniter.

Angel Clark-Crayton

Clark-Crayton, 37, of Benton Harbor said that as a parent and graduate of Benton Harbor High School, she wants to "be the change I wish to see in my community."

CLARK-CRAYTON

"I would like the school system to improve so that the children living in Benton Harbor will know that they matter," she said. "I would love to see the thousands of students in Benton Harbor to have the opportunity to attend school in their own community that meets their academic, social and emotional needs."

She said that her 20 years of experience working in Michigan schools as a volunteer, teacher, advisor, academic coach and administrator would help her to make that happen.

She said that the major problems facing the school district are budget cuts, the lack of resources and the high turnover rate of teachers and administrators.

If elected, she said she would focus on the development of the aptitude, attitude and ambition of each student by creating a learning environment that is safe and supportive.

Clark-Crayton is married to Sylvester Crayton Jr. and has three children.

Marvin Haywood

Marvin Haywood, 54, of Benton Harbor said he wants to make sure that the community's children receive a quality, culture-driven education that prepares them for the 21st century.

HAYWOOD

"I'm seeking the support of our community because failure is not an option," he said. "I will never compromise the needs of our children or community for personal gain or benefit and will continue to stand up for our children, who deserve a level playing field and a conducive learning environment that is ... not consumed with the constant threat of shutdown."

He said that one of the problems facing the district is a debt that "was created with surgical precision by state mismanagement."

Haywood is the activities director for Fresh Start Children's Garden in Benton Harbor.

Stephanie Rockette-Martin

Stephanie Rockette-Martin, 69, of Benton Harbor believes that her 30 years of working in the school district, including as a elementary school principal, makes her the ideal school board candidate.

ROCKETTE-MARTIN

Her vision is that all community stakeholders – including business leaders, families and students – work together to make sure Benton Harbor High School students are prepared to enroll in a post-secondary institution or to have a sustainable career after they graduate.

"Our children will be successful because I believe our community will work together to provide the support that is needed to keep our district, 'Moving One Way, Forward,'" she said.

If elected, she said one of her top priorities would be to recruit students back to the district and then retain them.

Rockette-Martin is married to Pastor Philander Martin Sr. They have two adult children and nine grandchildren.

Reinaldo Tripplett

Tripplett, 60, of Benton Harbor said his commitment to excellence in education drives his desire to be the voice for change in the district.

TRIPPLETT

"As a board member, I will be a trusted steward of the district's historical past, address with a keen depth of knowledge the academic and financial challenges and opportunities in the present, embrace the educational innovation of the future and most importantly, be that voice at the table that will always stand up for our students, parents, staff and community," he said.

Tripplett is a former teacher, coach and administrator in the school district, having served as principal at Morton Montessori Academy and Benton Harbor High School.

"As a lifelong resident of Benton Harbor and the proud president of the Benton Harbor High School Class of 1978 and former Tiger Mascot, I had the privilege to serve as the district's most recognizable ambassador and to this day, I have not taken that responsibility lightly," he said. "Every time I sung our school's fight song, I made a commitment to 'Fight! Fight! Until the last I'm with Benton Harbor High School.'"

He and his wife, Marian Tripplett, have three adult children and one grandson.

Apollonia Williams

Williams, 35, of Benton Harbor said she has been a parent advocate and volunteer in the school district for years, and now she wants to do more.

WILLIAMS

"I want better for the children of our community when it comes to their education," she said. "My heart was really heavy when we got news (in 2019) that our schools could possibly be closing, ... so now I want to put my time and energy into working hard for our district on the other side of the table. I want to be a part of the change, to assist the new superintendent to moving the district to that of a thriving one, not just concerning sports, but all aspects of life, especially education."

Williams, a certified wedding/event planner, has been a small business owner for the past 10 years.

"I'm a true Benton Harbor Tiger," she said. "I graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 2003, and I walked those hallways with pride and dignity. Our students today should be able to be the same way because they are our future lawyers, doctors, entrepreneurs, etc."

Williams has a daughter who graduated from Benton Harbor High School in June and three sons in grades 5, 6 and 8, along with one granddaughter.

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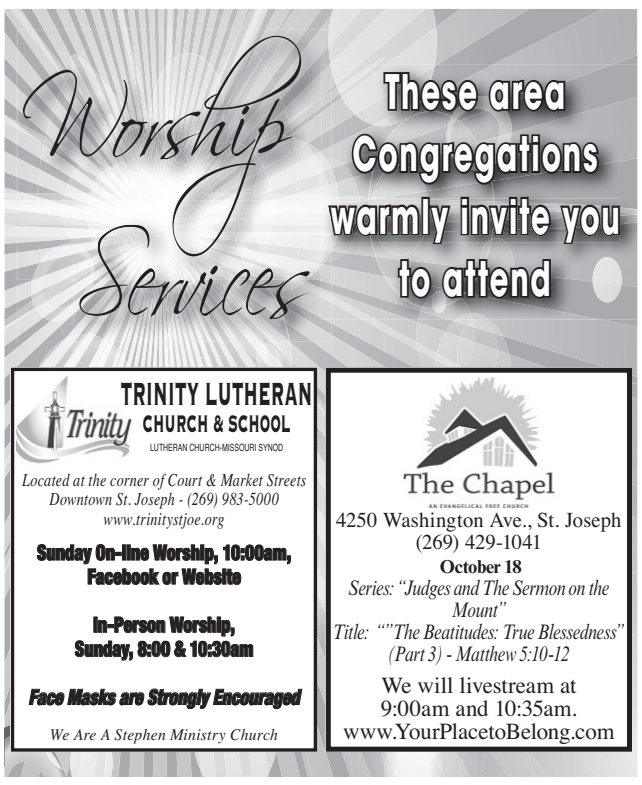
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★ Free financial coaching from an Accredited Financial Counselor and Financial Fitness Coach Counselor as well as ongoing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Military Edition classes.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The Michigan Maritime Museum will host a special program Saturday to honor its newly acquired dugout canoe. Curator Kenneth Pott will lead visitors through a special examination of the Pere Marquette River Dougout. The canoe was built by Native Americans in the mid 19th century. William Reeds of Ludington found the 12-foot canoe in 1991. It is the museum's second dugout canoe. The other was found in a lake near Wayland and then acquired by the museum.

1985 – 35 years ago

John W. Allegretti, owner of Allegretti Architects in St. Joseph, has received an Award of Honor from the Michigan Society of Architects for his design of the Sesquicentennial Pavilion in Lake Bluff Park. The pavilion commemorating the 150th anniversary of the City of St. Joseph was one of 12 structures for which Michigan architects received honors. Ninety entries were judged in the competition. The pavilion was financed through the sale of bricks to individuals and businesses whose names were cast into the bricks. The structure incorporates a commemorative plaque and time capsule.

1970 – 50 years ago

Members of the Bridgman Woman's Club will host an autumn party Wednesday for about 100 patients at the veteran's hospital in Battle Creek. Veterans at the hospital range in age from veterans of the Spanish American War to the current conflict in Vietnam. The club will furnish prizes for games, cakes and party sandwiches and present each patient with a coupon book with which he can make inexpensive purchases at the facility. In charge of arrangements for this year's party are Mrs. Astrid Koik, Mrs. August Piehl, Mrs. Lillian Heyn, Mrs. Howard Boyd and Mrs. Rupert Schaffert.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Oct. 17, the 291st day of 2020. There are 75 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 17, 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

On this date:

In 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, New York, in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1814, the London Beer Flood inundated the St. Giles district of the British capital as vats of beer ruptured, sending more than 320,000 gallons of liquid into the streets; up to nine people were reported killed.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted in Chicago of income tax evasion. (Sentenced to 11 years in prison, Capone was released in 1939.)

In 1939, Frank Capra's comedy-drama "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," starring James Stewart as an idealistic junior U.S. senator, had its premiere in the nation's capital.

In 1967, Puyi, the last emperor of China, died in Beijing at age 61.

In 1979, Mother Teresa of India was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers
61°	46°	56° / 39°	52° / 40°	56° / 42°	55° / 44°

Local Outlook

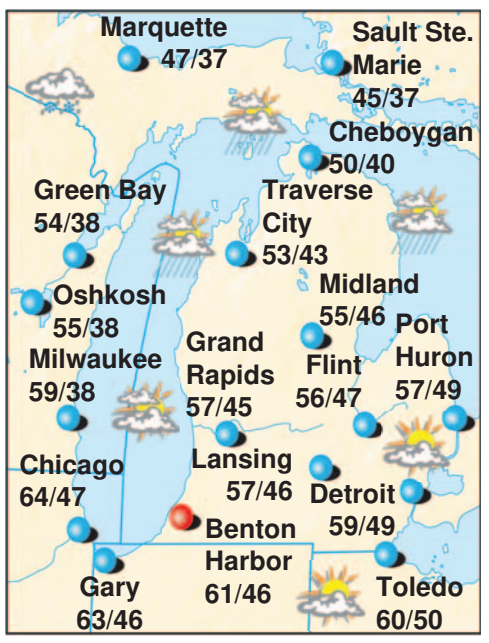
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 61°, humidity of 39%. South wind 6 to 26 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 46°. South wind 11 to 26 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:01 a.m.
Sunset	6:59 p.m.
Moonrise	8:51 a.m.
Moonset	7:53 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
10/23	10/31	11/8	11/15

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	55°
Low	32°
Normal High	63°
Normal Low	42°
Record High	79° in 1998
Record Low	32° in 2018

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.71"
Normal for month	1.66"
Year to date	28.90"
Normal Year to date	30.41"

Air Quality

Yesterday 35

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

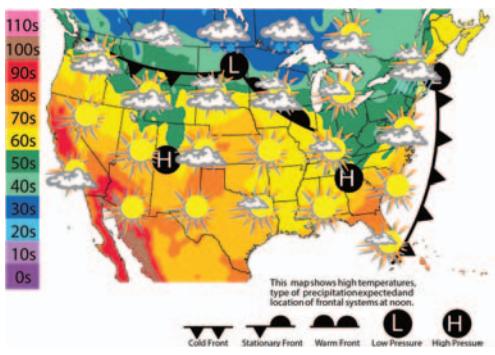
Weather Trivia

What is the name of high, dense clouds that bring steady rainfall?

Answer: Altostratus.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 17, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 11 to 16 kt increasing to 17 to 22 kt. Winds could gust as high as 34 kt. A chance of sprinkles. Waves 1 to 3 ft. Water temperature 54 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread rain and snow, highs in the 40s and 50s. South wind 8 to 19 mph. Expect mostly cloudy to cloudy skies Sunday with widespread rain and snow, highs in the 40s. West wind 10 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 50s and 60s. South wind 6 to 26 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. West northwest wind 7 to 11 mph.

Feds planning now to get coronavirus shots to nursing homes

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials on Friday unveiled a plan to get yet-to-be-approved coronavirus vaccines to nursing home residents free of charge, enlisting two national pharmacy chains to help.

Such a vaccine is not yet available. The distribution program is contingent on the Food and Drug Administration authorizing a vaccine, which does not appear to be imminent. While one nursing home industry group endorsed the administration's effort, another one was guarded in its reaction.

Under the voluntary program, trained staff from CVS and Walgreens would deliver the vaccines to each nursing home and administer shots. Assisted-living facilities and residential group homes can also participate. Nursing home staffers can be vaccinated, too, if they have not already received their shots. Needles, syringes and other necessary equipment will be included.

The idea is to give hard-pressed states an all-inclusive system for vaccinating their most vulnerable residents, said Paul Mango, a senior policy adviser at the Department of Health and Human Services. "We are trying to eliminate all potential barriers to getting folks safe and effective vaccines," Mango said.

The nation has 15,000-16,000 nursing homes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There may be another 20,000-45,000 assisted living facilities and similar kinds of settings for elderly and disabled people.

People in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities account for less than 1 percent of the U.S. population, but they represent about 40 percent of the deaths from COVID-19, with more than 83,600 fatalities logged by the COVID Tracking Project.

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Friday's football scores

Benton Harbor	41	Berrien Springs	44	Buchanan	19	Centreville	38
Kal. Loy Norrix	27	Brandywine	21	Niles	0	Hartford	0
St. Joseph	54	South Haven	14	Coloma	24	Bridgman	57
Gull Lake	14	Comstock	0	Watervliet	16	Eau Claire	0
Lakeshore	13					Lawrence	70
BC Lakeview	6					Mich. Lutheran	0

Lancer defense comes up big again

Lakeshore knocks off previously unbeaten Battle Creek Lakeview

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore's defense came up big again, keeping the Lancers in the thick of the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference football title hunt.

Lakeshore 13, Lakeview 7

Coach Denny Dock's squad held off visiting and previously undefeated Battle Creek Lakeview, 13-7, to improve to 4-1 in the SMAC and overall with one game left in the shortened six-game regular season.

"Bottom line we're 4-1 and you couldn't be more excited than I am," stated Dock.

Lakeshore, ranked No. 10 in Division 3, was playing without starting quarterback JJ Bushu, who was absent due to violation of the school's athletic code, according to Dock. "He'll miss part of next week's game, too."

In his place, junior Landen Thompson turned in a solid performance, except for losing two fumbles in the second half's pouring rain.

Thompson, on his first varsity pass, connected with Treyjen Keim on a 24-yard scoring strike in the left flat with 2:48 remaining in the first quarter. Tyler Gates' PAT boot made it 7-0.

Then late in the third period, Thompson capped a 9-play, 70-yard drive with a 3-yard run around left end to make it 13-0 with 4:26 left in the third.

"He played well, except for those two fumbles," noted Dock.

The Spartans' only TD came early in the fourth, when quarterback Jaden Simonson rumbled 36 yards to paydirt, breaking several tackles on the play to cut the lead to 13-7 with 10:35 remaining following Thompson's first fumble.

Lakeview had two more possessions, the last following a 39-yard punt by Grant Ruddell that was downed on the Spartans' 1-yard line with 2:18 left.

"Key plays were Keim's kickoffs that pinned Lakeview deep a couple of times, and our punter got himself out of the doghouse a little bit with that punt that buried them on the the one. That was huge," added Dock.

From that point on, and no timeouts left, Lakeview was playing out of its element, forced to throw eight times. The game ended when the

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Lakeshore's Aidan Jackson pushes through Lakeview's defense during the first half of Friday night's game.
Don Campbell / HP staff

STORMS DON'T WASH AWAY COMETS

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Coloma's James Mathis (5) bulls his way to a first down against Watervliet during Friday's game.

Coloma holds off rival Watervliet

By HP STAFF

Coloma held off Watervliet 24-16 on Friday in a football game delayed multiple times by weather.

Coloma 24, Watervliet 16

Cody Palgen came up big for the Comets, catching what proved to be the game-winning 42-yard touchdown pass from Drew Goodline with 6:52 to play, then intercepting a pass in the end zone to stop Watervliet's final drive.

Palgen also caught a touchdown pass from Goodline that tied the score at 16 at halftime. James Mathis added en eight-yard touchdown run for Coloma (3-1 SAC Lakeshore, 4-1)

Don Smith scored both touchdowns for Watervliet (1-3, 2-3). He opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 1-yard plunge, set up by his own 43-yard run. He added a 24-yard run in the second quarter that put the Panthers up 16-8.

A complete story is available online at www.thehp.com.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Coloma's Cody Palgen (1) evades Watervliet's Ethan Fish (5) as Jacobie Bonds (28) makes a crucial block during Friday's game.

Bears get back on track

St. Joseph rebounds from Lakeshore loss with easy victory over Gull Lake

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph got back to its winning ways on Friday with a dominant 54-14 victory over Gull Lake in Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference football action.

St. Joseph 54, Gull Lake 14

The Bears, coming off a disappointing 26-0 loss to rival Lakeshore last week, were never in danger against the Blue Devils. They led 40-0 by halftime, and the second half was played with a running clock.

"Obviously it's a different week, different situation," St. Joseph coach Andrew Pratley said, "but I was proud of our kids bouncing back and really getting off to a good start, getting up 40-0."

Seniors Troy Pratley and Griffin Shinrock led the offense for St. Joseph (3-1 SMAC, 4-1). Pratley ran for 53 yards and two touchdowns, and threw for 121 yards and three scores. All three of his scoring strikes were hauled in by Shinrock, who finished with 86 yards receiving.

"We played six sophomores and a freshman in the first half on offense," coach Pratley said. "We're going to rely on a couple of those seniors to lead, and obviously Troy and Griffin both continue to do that for us."

St. Joseph's first two touchdowns were both passes from Pratley to Shinrock. Carter Vonk added a 38-yard touchdown run after a fumble recovery to put the Bears up 20-0 after the first quarter. In the second, Pratley ran for two scores and found Shinrock again on the final play of the half for a 44-yard score.

In the second half, the Bears turned to sophomore running backs

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Source: Patriots cancel practice as COVID-19 still plagues NFL

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

The New England Patriots canceled practice Friday after a member of the organization tested positive for COVID-19, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the team and the NFL did not announce the positive test, did not reveal if it involved a player or a coach.

New England (2-2) already twice had the original Week 5 matchup against Denver postponed following four positive coronavirus tests by players, including quarterback Cam Newton and cornerback Stephon Gilmore. The game is scheduled for Sunday in Foxborough, Mass., but now could be in jeopardy.

"I don't really know the answer to that," Broncos coach Vic Fangio said when asked about finally playing the Patriots. "We're under the assumption and understanding that this game's going to go off on time. And anything that happens otherwise will happen when it happens."

Newton and Gilmore, the reigning Defensive Player of the Year, returned to practice this week for the first time since testing positive for the coronavirus. Newton missed New England's loss at Kansas City after his Oct. 2 positive test. He was activated from the reserve/COVID-19 list on Wednesday. Gilmore was activated from the list Thursday, following his Oct. 7 positive test. Practice squad player Bill Murray also returned from the COVID list Thursday.

Defensive tackle Byron Cowart was the only Patriots player currently still on the list after testing positive on Oct. 11.

Newton and Gilmore participated in Thursday's practice and appeared to be on track to play against the Broncos on Sunday. Asked on Friday how Newton looked in his first practice back, offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said the 2015 NFL MVP looked "normal, normal."

"It's good to have him back," McDaniels said.

The Broncos (1-3) haven't played since Oct. 1. So if they play Sunday, they'll have had 16 days between games, one day longer than Tennessee's layoff before the Titans beat Buffalo on Tuesday night following the NFL's first COVID-19 outbreak, which affected two dozen members of the organization.

The Patriots haven't played since Oct. 5, when they lost at Kansas City, so their layoff is a dozen days if the game is played Sunday.

The Broncos' layoff is the longest in the league since 2001, when the NFL postponed all games the

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Nam Y. Huh / AP

Chicago Bears coach Matt Nagy questions a call during the first half of an Oct. 4 game against Indianapolis.

Bears earning few style points to go with their victories

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

The Chicago Bears are off to their best start in eight years. They're just not racking up style points to go with those victories.

There is plenty of room to improve, particularly on offense, despite a 4-1 record heading into the game at Carolina on Sunday. But they're winning. And coach Matt Nagy will take that over the alternative.

"Where you stay excited is that you are 4-1 as a team because ultimately in the end that's what matters," he said. "Now you get there, you want it to look better but that's what we're working towards right now, and that's what we got to get to as soon as we can."

The Bears have their best record through five games since the 2012 team jumped to a 7-1 start. Their top 10 defense held Tom Brady in check last week, with Khalil Mack sacking the six-time Super Bowl champion twice in a 20-19 victory.

But they're not making it easy on themselves.

They had to rally from 17 down in the fourth quarte r to take the opener at Detroit and trailed by 16 in the fourth two weeks later at Atlanta before squeezing past the Falcons. Against Tampa Bay, they trailed 13-0 in the first half.

Nagy laid into the offense afterward, venting about lapses in execution. He was particularly peeved about imprecise route running, missed chances for quarterback Nick Foles, and breakdowns in blocking technique.

"None of that is personal," Nagy said. "Some of it is just me being able to explain to them and to us that just in all areas that we can be better. None of it is blame. There's zero blame of saying, 'Hey, this is your fault or this is our fault.' This is where we are at and we have to lock in a little bit more."

The Bears rank 27th both in total offense and rushing. And they're coming up short too often when they have chances to reach the end zone.

They are 25th in the red zone, scoring touchdowns on 53 percent of their drives inside the 20.

Chicago hasn't scored a point in the third quarter this season. And the run game has really struggled the past two weeks against dominant fronts.

The Bears had just 35 yards rushing against Tampa Bay after being held to 28 in a loss to Indianapolis. They had 414 yards through the first three games.

David Montgomery had 10 carries each of the past two weeks, running for 27 yards against the Colts and 29 against the Buccaneers. On the plus side, he also had a career-high seven catches last week.

"Every game is not going to be the way we want it to be and I just really pointed out to him, 'Look, the run game wasn't where we wanted it to be Thursday night," running backs coach Charles London said. "But I think he was targeted nine times, seven receptions, I believe if that is correct, and sometimes you gotta win games in different ways. I said, 'It's not going to be a 100-yard game every week and sometimes you're going to have to go out there and catch 10 passes for us to win. You're going to have to go out there and throw great blocks for us to win.' David is a team player and he understands that."

Foles, meanwhile, still is settling in since replacing Mitchell Trubisky during the Atlanta game. The Super Bowl 52 MVP has completed just under 64 percent of his passes for 680 yards, with five touchdowns and three interceptions.

"We want to be a lot more efficient, a lot better," Foles said. "But I also know there's a progression. It doesn't just happen overnight. It's never happened overnight ever in my career."

The Bears also have a hole to fill on the offensive line after left guard James Daniels suffered a likely season-ending pectoral injury last week. Nagy wouldn't say Friday if second-year pro Alex Bars or veteran Rashaad Coward will start in his place.

The Bears won't have line coach Juan Castillo with them, either, on Sunday. He's quarantining after coming in contact with someone away from the team who tested positive for COVID-19.

Chiefs' locker room mum on Le'Veon Bell's arrival – well, almost

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The only member of the Kansas City Chiefs that was available and willing to discuss Le'Veon Bell, arguably the biggest free-agent signing since the offseason, happened to be the defensive coordinator who won't have anything to do with him.

Steve Spagnuolo is happy for that, too.

Spagnuolo already had plenty of headaches trying to stop Bell when the two-time All-Pro running back was with the Pittsburgh Steelers. The longtime defensive whiz had five opportunities to shut down Bell, who announced Wednesday that he was signing with the Chiefs, and each time Spagnuolo found himself grasping at straws.

"Look, it's great always to accumulate good football players," Spagnuolo said. "I haven't seen him or gone against him in a long time. But he was so challenging to stop in that dual play the Steelers ran where he'd just sit back there and pick and weave. No matter what you did, it felt like you couldn't stop him for six or seven yards."

The Chiefs follow a strict schedule for making coaches and players available to reporters, and coach Andy Reid, general manager Brett Veach and Bell weren't available Friday. Bell could still be completing physicals and paperwork, and he must pass a six-day COVID-19 protocol or get an exemption before he's allowed in the building, so not even some of the folks in the Chiefs organization were quite sure when he would join the team.

That's why Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy was quick to say: "I know there's been some discussion about a particular player. I'm going to defer all those questions to Coach Reid and Brett Veach."

"Right now, our focus is on the Buffalo Bills," Bieniemy said. "We need to make sure we get this chip off our shoulder."

Bell won't be able to help them by Monday night, of course. But he should provide a big lift for a struggling run game the rest of the season, especially as the Chiefs (4-1) chase a first-round playoff bye in the defense of their Super Bowl title.

Bell became a bona fide star with Pittsburgh, where he ran for at least 1,200 yards and caught 75 passes in three different seasons. But things went haywire after he skipped the 2018 season amid a contract dispute. Bell signed a four-year, $52.5 million deal with $35 million guaranteed with the New York Jets, but he never quite meshed with coach Adam Gase, and he was released this week after they failed to find any suitable trade partners.

Bell was reportedly considering three teams before settling on Kansas City, where he will back up Clyde Edwards-Helaire.

The rookie out of LSU, who was the Chiefs' first-round pick in this year's draft, raised eyebrows by running for 138 yards with touchdowns on the ground and through the air in his debut against Houston. But Edwards-Helaire had just 38 yards rushing the following week, 64 yards rushing each of the next two and 40 yards rushing last Sunday against the Raiders – when the Chiefs lost 40-32 to end their franchise-record 13-game winning streak.

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Lions-Jaguars could be high-scoring affair

By MARK LONG
AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Take the over.

Detroit and Jacksonville have two of the NFL's worst defenses, unable to stop anyone, anywhere, any week.

The Lions (1-3) rank last in the league in rushing yards allowed, giving up more than 170 yards a game. The Jaguars (1-4) are near the bottom of every major defensive category, including 30th in total yards and last in yards per play.

The teams are among a group of seven allowing more than 400 yards and about 30 points a game.

So when they meet in Jacksonville on Sunday for the first time in eight years, it should be an ideal matchup for a high-scoring affair. And the smart money appears to be on the over. The over/under opened at 52½ total points.

The Lions spent their early season bye week trying to address their defensive woes.

"We're working hard to try to make sure that there is consistency," coach Matt Patricia said.

Problem is there's more than one area of concern. Detroit has seen different guys missing tackles and assignments and failing to shed blocks in every game.

"We have to do a better job in the run game, and we have to settle some things down there that have hurt us and play with better fundamentals and technique and just be consistent," Patricia said. "We have some good run plays on tape and just unfortunately too many bad ones. We have to be consistent with it and try to get teams in a situation where they have to pass the ball more."

Jacksonville is planning a heavy dose of rookie James Robinson, who is averaging nearly 5 yards a carry. Robinson has been one of the few bright spots on a team that has given up 30 or more points in four consecutive losses – the third time in franchise history they've done that.

The Jaguars have been downright dismal on defense, and injuries have forced several first- and second-year players into the starting lineup.

"There's a guilt feeling I have," coach Doug Marrone said. "There's a pit in my stomach feeling that I have that I can't find a way to figure out how to get these guys to (be consistent). … I don't want to make it sound like I'm frustrated from a standpoint of I'm mad or (ticked) off or anything like that.

"That's not how I feel. I feel hurt that I'm not able to do my job and bring them all together to be consistent."

STAFFORD SHUT OUT

Matthew Stafford has thrown 264 touchdown passes since Detroit drafted him No. 1 overall in 2009.

The Jaguars, though, are the only NFL team that Stafford has not thrown for a score against.

He would like to end the drought in his third game against them.

"Yeah, that'd be great," he said. "I'd love to have that on the tombstone or something."

KICKING CAROUSEL

The Jaguars will set an NFL record by using their fifth kicker in as many games Sunday.

It's been a revolving door for the Jaguars since Josh Lambo injured his hip in a Week 2 loss at Tennessee. Brandon Wright and Aldrick Rosas were injured the next two games, and Steven Hauschka was cut after missing two field goals at Houston last week.

Now it's Jon Brown's turn. A college soccer player turned place-kicker, Brown was promoted from the practice squad and will make his NFL debut against the Lions.

HE SAID IT

Detroit's next two opponents, Jacksonville and Atlanta, have a combined record of 1-9.

"Look, we only have one win," said Patricia, who has won just two of his past 17 games.

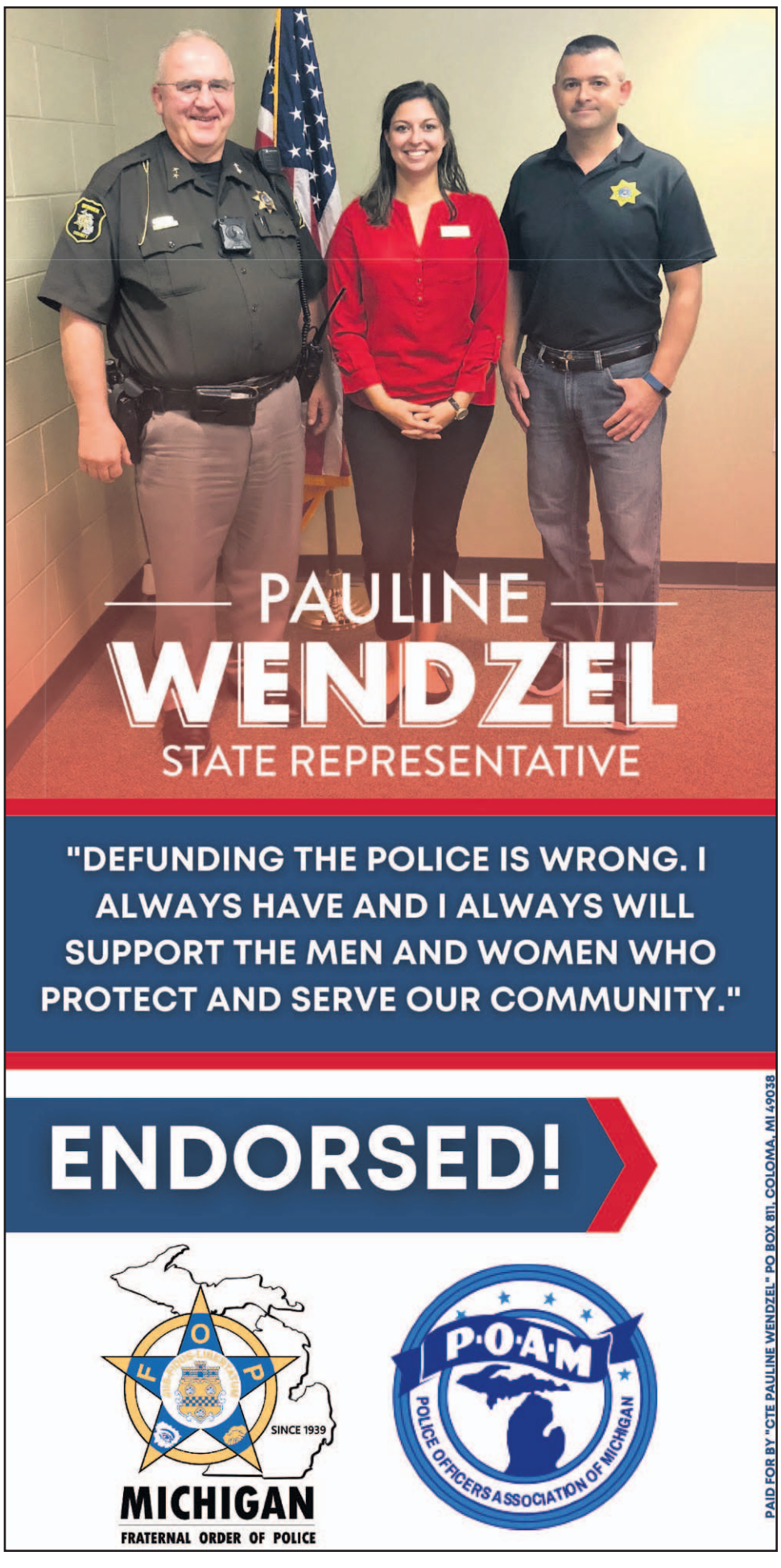
PETERSON PRAISE

Adrian Peterson is averaging 4.5 yards a carry in his 14th NFL season, drawing praise from Jaguars defensive coordinator Todd Wash. Wash still remembers facing Peterson as Seattle's D-line coach in 2012, when the Minnesota star ran 17 times for 182 yards and two touchdowns.

"When we flipped the tape on Monday afternoon, I was like, 'Damn, he's still running like he did when he was 22 years old,'" Wash said. "He still has his unbelievable jump cut. I think it was nine years ago we played him in Seattle and I think he's still running somewhere in Mexico."

The Jags are one of three NFL teams (along with Carolina and Washington) that haven't allowed Peterson to top 100 yards rushing while playing him four times or more.

"There's a lot of respect for him in our building and from us as a coaching staff," Wash said.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Lakeshore's Evin Koeppe tackles Lakeview's Jaris McIntosh during the first half of Friday night's game at Lakeshore High School.

LANCERS

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Spartans turned the ball over on downs following a sack by RJ Veldman with 6 seconds left.

Late in the second quarter, Dock elected to go for it on a fourth-and-one from Lakeview's 12-yard line instead of kicking a field goal. But the Lancers failed to convert.

"That was a marginal call, in fact a bad call," said Dock. "I thought we could get a yard and we didn't."

Lakeshore outgained Lakeview 321 net yards to 211, with 286 coming on the ground. Fullback Aidan Jackson led the way, gaining 112 yards on 20 lugs. Cage Davison added 49 on 13 carries, and Andrew Lies had one carry for 41 yards that helped set up the Lancers' third quarter score. Simonson led the Spartans with 81 yards rushing on 15 carries.

"Aiden (Jackson) ran hard. He's just solid out there," praised Dock.

On the defensive side, Dock praised the play of Riley Adams (10 tackles), Evin Koeppe (9), Tanner Jackson and Landen Thompson (8 apiece), plus Ashton Gray, who came up with a key interception in the second period that thwarted a Spartan drive on the Lakeshore 23.

The Lancers travel to Division 3 No. 2 DeWitt next week.

LAKESHORE 13, BC LAKEVIEW 7

B.C. Lakeview	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**7**
Lakeshore	**7**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**—**	**13**

First quarter

L – Treyjen Keim 24 pass from Landen Thompson (Tyler Gates kick}

Third quarter

L – Thompson 3 run (kick failed)

Fourth quarter

BCL – Jaden Simonson 36 run (Matt Bacik kick)

Records – Lakeshore 4-1 SMAC, 4-1 overall; B.C. Lakeview 4-1 SMAC, 4-1 overall.

BEARS

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Trey McGinnis and Joron Brown. McGinnis rushed eight times for 87 yards and two touchdowns, and Brown added seven carries for 34 yards.

"Joron, that's his first opportunity, he moved up from receiver this week," coach Pratley said. "We've had some issues at running back, and we wanted to give him a chance. Andy Barlow got in as a freshman got in in the second quarter and had a nice run for us. We're just getting a lot of young guys in the backfield and trying to find a fit that works for us."

Gull Lake finished with 228 yards of offense, but most of that came in the final quarter. Samuel Simpson led a dominant defensive effort for St. Joseph with seven tackles, including four for loss and a pair of sacks. The Bears were facing an option-based attack for the second straight week.

"I think seeing the same offense two weeks in a row, and obviously we responded a lot better this week than we did last," coach Pratley said. "I thought our kids played well up front and didn't allow much at all."

St. Joseph concludes the regular season at Battle Creek Lakeview next week.

ST. JOSEPH 54, GULL LAKE 14

Gull Lake	**0**	**0**	**0**	**14**	**—**	**14**
St. Joseph	**20**	**20**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**54**

First quarter

SJ – Griffin Shinrock 34 pass from Troy Pratley (kick failed), 8:15.

SJ – Shinrock 8 pass from Pratley (Reese Uzelac kick), 2:15.

SJ – Carter Vonk 38 run (Uzelac kick), 0:58.

Second quarter

SJ – Pratley 3 run (kick blocked), 6:43.

SJ – Pratley 16 run (Uzelac kick), 4:24.

SJ – Shinrock 44 pass from Pratley (Uzelac kick), 0:00.

Third quarter

SJ – Trey McGinnis 2 run (Uzelac kick), 6:39.

SJ – McGinnis 38 run (Uzelac kick), 0:41.

Fourth quarter

GL – Danny Clancy 11 run (Anthony Baptiste kick), 7:03.

GL – Ben Jackson 25 run (Baptiste kick), 1:11.

Records – St. Joseph 3-1 SMAC, 4-1; Gull Lake 0-4, 0-5.

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NFL

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weekend following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Three teams – Saints, Steelers, Buccaneers – had byes when play resumed a week later, so they all had 20 days between games that year.

Of those three teams, only the Steelers won in their return to action.

Earlier Friday, the Indianapolis Colts closed their practice facility after "several individuals" tested positive for COVID-19, then the retests came back negative and the building reopened.

"Earlier this morning, we were informed that four individuals within the organization tested positive for COVID-19," the team said in a late-morning statement. "The four positive samples were retested and have been confirmed negative.

"After consultation with the NFL and chief medical officer Dr. Allen Sills, the team will open the practice facility this afternoon under the league's intensive protocol and will continue preparation for Sunday's game against Cincinnati."

Coach Frank Reich did not identify who had the false positives but acknowledged if it wasn't a player, it was someone who worked closely with the players. He did say the four were kept out of the facility.

Reich actually had started making contingency plans to play Monday or Tuesday, and also rearranged Friday's schedule. The install meetings were conducted virtually and after the second set of results came back, the Colts went through a lighter-than-normal practice at team headquarters wearing masks.

"It just made sense that we could jog through, get all the looks we needed to get, get our bodies going a little bit, get the heart rate going a little bit but not going full speed," Reich said. "It would have had to been masks under the helmet, so I just felt like it was the right thing to do – not go full speed with the mask under the helmet."

In other NFL coronavirus developments:

■ The Cleveland Browns, who played the Colts on Sunday, had zero positive tests Friday morning and their building is open. The negatives included one for star wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr., who was ill and sent home Thursday and not allowed to practice Friday.

■ The Atlanta Falcons on Friday resumed in-person work at their facility under more stringent safety measures. The team had closed the building Thursday following a second positive test for COVID-19.

"Just with the intensive regulations, the mask protocol is in high effect," interim head coach Raheem Morris said. "We have to do some of those different type of deals. Masks on the field, player separation on the field. The in-person meetings only in two areas: The team meeting room and the indoor facility. All of those things we had to implement.

"Coaches meetings all virtual or in one of those two facilities as well. Just taking ultimate precaution in these times of uncertainty, especially when you're talking about the COVID. Everything dealing with the disease and the COVID and what we've got to deal with I will follow to the highest and protect the team at all costs, even if it means shutting down a practice like yesterday."

The Falcons are under the NFL's supplemental intensive protocols as they regroup for Sunday's game at Minnesota.

Rookie defensive tackle Marlon Davidson was placed on the COVID-19/reserve list Tuesday and the second person, who is not a player, subsequently tested positive.

The additional protocols the Falcons must follow include daily testing and masks worn at all times. Meetings must be held virtually or outdoors or in a large indoor room with 6-foot social distancing.

■ The Panthers have guard/center Tyler Larsen on the reserve/COVID-19 list, five days after he played against Atlanta. Larsen did not start for the Panthers in that game, but did see action as a reserve.

■ The Tennessee Titans played Tuesday following a 16-day layoff because of an outbreak.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

St. Joseph girls golf takes ninth at state

By HP STAFF

St. Joseph placed ninth out of 18 teams in Friday's Division 2 girls golf state finals, held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Golf Course.

The Bears shot 373 as a team. They were led by senior standout Maya Hunter, who tied for eighth place individually with a score of 81.

Also playing for St. Joseph were Madison Jackson (91), Gracie Thomas (96), Maddy Cleveland (105) and Izzy Ugalde (111).

Football

Buchanan 19, Niles 0

Connor LeGault threw three touchdown passes to Gavin Fazi to help Buchanan (4-0 BCS Red, 5-0) stay unbeaten.

LeGault finished with 218 yards passing. Most of it went to Fazi, who had five catches for 149 yards

The Bucks were also dominant on defense, holding Niles (0-3, 1-4) to just 106 total yards.

Berrien Springs 44, Brandywine 24

Marshall McFarland had a huge night for Berrien Springs (2-3 BCS Red, 2-3), rushing for 232 yards and four touchdowns. The Shamrocks trailed 15-14 at halftime, but dominated the second half.

Gabe Gouin rushed for 82 yards and Ivory McCullough scored two touchdown for Brandywine (1-1, 3-2).

Lawrence 72, Michigan Lutheran 0

Lawrence (2-1, 3-1) scored 42 points in the first quarter on its way to the Southwestern Michigan Eight-Man Football League victory. Jordan Ramirez led Lutheran (1-3, 1-4) with 93 rushing yards.

Benton Harbor 41, Kal. Loy Norrix 27

Benton Harbor (2-3) came from behind, scoring the game's final three touchdowns to pull away from Loy Norrix (0-5). The Tigers will conclude their regular season next week by hostin Battle Creek Harper Creek.

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday's results

KAL. HACKETT D. WATERVLIET
25-21, 20-25, 25-17, 18-25, 15-11

Watervliet — Samantha Dietz 16 kills, 7 digs, 2 aces, 1 block; Abbigayle Roberts 7 kills, 3 digs; Grace Chisek 26 assists, 1 kill, 8 digs; Natalie Hart 5 kills, 5 assists, 3 digs, 4 aces; Addison Riley 2 kills, 2 blocks; Myah Hobson 4 kills; Ellie Golden 2 aces, 5 digs; Jaylie Querfurth 6 digs, 2 aces; Allison Pline 6 digs, 1 ace.

MLB

Postseason Baseball Glance
x-if necessary
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7)
American League
(All Games on TBS)
Tampa Bay 3, Houston 2
At San Diego

Sunday. Oct. 11: Tampa Bay 2, Houston 1
Monday, Oct. 12: Tampa Bay 4, Houston 2
Tuesday, Oct. 13: Tampa Bay 5, Houston 2
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Houston 4, Tampa Bay 3
Thursday, Oct. 15: Houston 4, Tampa Bay 3
Friday, Oct. 16: Houston 7, Tampa Bay 4
Saturday, Oct. 17: Houston (McCullers Jr. 3-3) vs. Tampa Bay (Morton 2-2), 8:37 p.m.

National League
(Fox or FS1)
Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 1
At Arlington, Texas

Monday, Oct. 12: Atlanta 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 1
Tuesday, Oct. 13: Atlanta 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 7
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles Dodgers 15, Atlanta 3
Thursday, Oct. 15: Atlanta 10, Los Angeles Dodgers 2
Friday, Oct. 16: Los Angeles Dodgers (May 3-1) vs. Atlanta (Minter 1-1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 17: Atlanta (Fried 7-0) vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Buehler 1-0), 4:38 p.m. (FS1)
x-Sunday, Oct. 18: Atlanta vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:15 p.m. (Fox and FS1)

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7)
At Arlington, Texas
(All Games on Fox)

Tuesday, Oct. 20
Wednesday, Oct. 21
Friday, Oct. 23
Saturday, Oct. 24
x-Sunday, Oct. 25
x-Tuesday, Oct. 27
x-Wednesday, Oct. 28

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Friday's state scores

Adrian Madison 46, Pittsford 6
Allen Park Cabrini 29, Waterford Our Lady 0
Alma 28, Bay City John Glenn 7
Almont 28, Richmond 25, OT
Auburn Hills Avondale 26, Royal Oak 10
Bad Axe 27, Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Laker 6
Battle Creek Harper Creek 51, Marshall 27
Battle Creek Pennfield 49, Jackson Northwest 7
Bay City Central 54, Saginaw 6
Bear Lake 1, Baldwin 0
Beaverton 35, Gladwin 29
Belding 60, Kelloggsville 0
Belleville 56, Livonia Franklin 0
Berrien Springs 44, Niles Brandywine 21
Birmingham Brother Rice 42, Lapeer 7
Birmingham Groves 38, Oak Park 20
Blissfield 42, Ida 40
Bloomfield Hills 35, Berkley 34, OT
Breckenridge 46, Burton Bendle 0
Brighton 20, Howell 15
Bronson 28, Quincy 16
Brownstown Woodhaven 15, Trenton 8
Buchanan 19, Niles 0
Burr Oak 60, Litchfield 0
Burton Bentley def. St. Charles, forfeit
Byron Center 64, Greenville 22
Calumet 34, Hancock 18
Canton 49, Hartland 28
Carsonville-Port Sanilac 30, Akron-Fairgrove 0
Cass City 54, Caro 0
Cassopolis def. Mendon, forfeit
Cedarville 32, Munising 8
Charlotte 21, Eaton Rapids 7
Chelsea 53, Tecumseh 6
Chesaning 45, Byron 8
Clare 49, Harrison 0
Clarkston 35, Birmingham Seaholm 7
Clinton 56, Onsted 13
Colon 49, Climax-Scotts 6
Constantine 43, Kalamazoo United 28
Corunna 28, Lake Fenton 20
Croswell-Lexington 40, Armada 7
Dansville 41, Fulton-Middleton 0
Davison 61, Saginaw Arthur Hill 6
DeWitt 47, Lansing Waverly 0
Dearborn Divine Child 42, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 17
Dearborn Fordson 42, Dearborn 7
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 21, Garden City 12
Dearborn Heights Robichaud 18, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 6
Delton Kellogg 28, Grand Rapids North-Pointe Christian 6
Detroit Catholic Central 21, Detroit U-D Jesuit 3
Dexter 70, Jackson 38
East Kentwood 24, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 7
East Lansing 41, Grand Ledge 6
Erie-Mason 56, Sand Creek 38
Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 21, Warren Mott 7
Fennville def. Parchment, forfeit
Fenton 33, Swartz Creek 14
Flint Hamady 20, Ecorse 12
Fowlerville 14, St. Johns 6
Frankenmuth 41, Birch Run 6
Frankfort 38, Tawas 36, OT
Fraser 24, Port Huron Northern 21, OT
Fruitport 28, Coopersville 21
Gabriel Richard Catholic 42, Madison Heights Bishop Foley 14
Gaylord St. Mary 58, Bellaire 6
Gibraltar Carlson 14, Lincoln Park 6
Gobles 26, Bloomingdale 14
Goodrich 49, Owosso 0
Grand Blanc 56, Flint Powers 14
Grand Rapids Catholic Central 28, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 3
Grand Rapids Christian 22, East Grand Rapids 15
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 37, Grand Rapids Northview 10
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 35, Lowell 22
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 38, Wayland Union 20
Grand Rapids South Christian 28, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 7
Grand Rapids West Catholic 34, Allendale 12
Grandville 42, Caledonia 7
Grant 41, Stanton Central Montcalm 13
Grass Lake 39, Napoleon 0
Grosse Pointe North 17, Warren Woods Tower 0
Hanover-Horton 62, East Jackson 7
Harbor Beach 42, Marlette 20
Haslett 21, Okemos 7
Hastings 30, Coldwater 29
Hazel Park 34, Madison Heights Madison 20
Hemlock 12, Millington 6
Hillsdale 27, Dundee 0
Holt 26, Portage Northern 0
Hopkins 48, Wyoming Godwin Heights 20
Houghton Lake 38, Manton 14
Hudsonville 43, Holland West Ottawa 35
Hudsonville Unity Christian 50, Hamilton 16
Ithaca 51, Three Rivers 7
Jackson Lumen Christi def. Parma Western, forfeit
Jenison 16, Grand Haven 0
Johannesburg-Lewiston 52, East Jordan 0
Kent City 50, Lakeview 7
Kinde-North Huron 36, Peck 6
Kingsley 40, Sault Ste Marie 6
L'Anse Creuse 36, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 0
Laingsburg 46, Bath 36
Lake Orion 35, Farmington 7
Lenawee Christian 64, Bellevue 0
Livonia Churchill 24, Livonia Stevenson 20
Macomb Dakota 34, Romeo 28
Macomb Lutheran North 21, Adrian 6
Madison Heights Lamphere 64, Clawson 0
Manistee 21, Ludington 20
Marine City 24, Marysville 21
Marquette 27, Escanaba 6
Mason 45, Lansing Catholic 21
Mayville 58, Flint International 6
McBain 23, Beal City 19
Melvindale Academy for Business And Tech def. Addison, forfeit
Memphis def. Sandusky, forfeit
Mendon def. Cassopolis, forfeit
Menominee 41, Gladstone 0
Michigan Center 42, Manchester 7
Midland 44, Flint Carman-Ainsworth 6
Milan 35, Carleton Airport 30
Monroe 28, Bedford 6
Montague 34, Whitehall 31, 2OT
Morenci 34, Petersburg Summerfield 28
Morley-Stanwood 32, Holton 24
Morrice 57, Kingston 0
Muskegon 15, Zeeland West 14
Muskegon Catholic Central 41, Muskegon Orchard View 0
Muskegon Mona Shores 70, Grand Rapids Union 32
New Boston Huron 41, Flat Rock 16
New Lothrop 49, Durand 6
North Farmington 14, Oxford 3
North Muskegon 42, Mason County Central 0
Oakridge High School 34, Ravenna 13
Onekama def. Whittemore-Prescott, forfeit
Ortonville Brandon 56, Clio 6
Oscoda 62, Lincoln-Alcona 0
Otsego 35, Sturgis 7
Ottawa Lake Whiteford 22, Britton-Deerfield 18
Pellston 46, Hillman 26
Petoskey 14, Alpena 7
Pewamo-Westphalia 30, Fowler 7
Pinckney 40, Ypsilanti Lincoln 13
Portage Central 27, Battle Creek Central 0
Portland 42, Ionia 0
Potterville 15, Saranac 0
Reed City 46, Fremont 6
Reese def. Capac, forfeit
Riverview 60, Grosse Ile 29
Rochester 40, Ferndale 16
Roseville 60, St. Clair 22
Rudyard 60, Engadine 0
Salem 19, Plymouth 3
Saline 63, Ann Arbor Skyline 0
Sanford-Meridian 45, Farwell 10
Saugatuck 42, Galesburg-Augusta 0
Schoolcraft 45, Lawton 14
Shepherd 12, Pinconning 7
South Haven 14, Comstock 0
South Lyon 31, Milford 7
South Lyon East 23, Waterford Kettering 6
Southgate Anderson 2, Wyandotte Roosevelt 0
Sparta 35, Comstock Park 6
Sterling Heights Stevenson 42, Grosse Pointe South 35
Three Oaks River Valley def. White Cloud, forfeit
Traverse City West 39, Cadillac 20
Troy 49, Pontiac 0
Ubly 48, Brown City 12
Utica 21, Chippewa Valley 20
Vicksburg 33, Dowagiac Union 0
Walled Lake Western 17, Walled Lake Northern 7
Warren De La Salle 29, Harper Woods 8
West Bloomfield 37, Rochester Adams 0
Westwood 42, Bessemer 8
Westwood 42, Gogebic 8
White Lake Lakeland 35, Walled Lake Central 6
Whitmore Lake 40, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 0
Williamston 17, Olivet 6
Zeeland East 75, Holland 17

The dirty secret of Amazon Prime Day: Shoppers don't save as much as they think

There's always buzz around Amazon's Prime Day, the sale extravaganza for Prime members, people who pay the company an annual or monthly fee to be specially treated with more ways to spend.

You may even plan your day around snatching a sale item or two – or three. And coming soon will be similar promotions from Target, Walmart and other retailers. But keep this in mind about any sale: You never save when you spend.

A sale is just a retailer's ploy to get you to think you're saving money on your purchase. The offer of a discount makes people emotionally irrational, says Jeff Kreisler, the co-author of "Dollars and Sense: How We Misthink Money and How to Spend Smarter."

"Our unconscious decision-making biases lead us to make poor spending choices, whether through intentional traps set by retailers or by our own volition," Kreisler says. "We get excited by the cool, fun, uniquely satisfying emotional rewards of something like Prime Day and lose sight of our goals and budgets."

And yes, I know you love the free shipping. I'm not trying to get in your way of Prime membership privileges. I just need you to weigh the real costs. (Jeff Bezos, the chief executive of Amazon, owns The Washington Post.)

"It's always good to take advantage of opportunities to purchase goods and services at lower prices than usual," says Ric Edelman, co-founder of Edelman Financial Engines. "But this assumes you were planning to make the purchase in the first place, and that the purchase is necessary and appropriate, given your personal finances and financial goals."

The more you understand behavioral finance, the more money you'll actually save and invest.

"If you pay $200 for clothing that usually costs $300, you'll brag about saving $100 when in fact you spent $200," Edelman points out. "Even supermarket coupons are a problem. No one who uses a save $1 off coupon actually saves a dollar."

Michelle Singletary

Retailers know manipulation works. "That's why they often offer sales events," Edelman says. "They know that total purchases will rise, often by people spending money they can't afford on purchases they don't need."

The better behavior is to decide what purchases you need to make and how much money you can afford to spend. "If the purchases exceed your self-imposed budget, reduce your purchase list instead of increasing your budget," he says. "Otherwise, you'll become broke, and you'll stay broke."

Here are some tips from Kreisler on how to pull back when Amazon Prime deals seem too good to pass up.

■ Ignore anything that highlights how much you're saving. Forget about "original" or "suggested" prices. You need to keep telling yourself that when you buy something that used to be $100 but is advertised as 35 percent off, you're not saving $35, you're spending $65, Kreisler says.

■ What would your future self say about the deal today? "Marketing campaigns get us to act emotionally, irrationally and impulsively by focusing on the temptations of the present or how good it would feel right now to save big, get a treat, or get some needed retail therapy," Kreisler says. "To combat the enormous pull of the present, to get out of the hot state of the moment, think of your future self. What would you in six months or two years say about buying a flat-screen TV instead of saving that money for a potential second wave of COVID-19 lockdowns and layoffs?"

■ Don't fall for manufactured scarcity. Did you really need 200 rolls of toilet paper in March? Does the airline really only have three seats left at that price? Retailers like to pretend this is your last chance to get a bargain, but it's not. There's always another "sale."

■ Don't be anchored to past purchases. Kreisler says just because Amazon or some other data-hoarding algorithm reminds you that you bought something before, don't assume that was the right decision and automatically buy it again. Or, fall for the "related item suggestions" that become a rabbit hole of more stuff placed in your online shopping cart.

■ Don't follow the herd. Often when you don't know if a buying decision is right, you look to what others are doing. Just because all of your friends are buying the latest thing – a new phone, a Nintendo Switch or the Echo Dot – doesn't mean you have to buy it too.

These tips may not stop you from succumbing to the exhilaration of thinking that you got something for a "steal" during Amazon Prime Day. But going forward, try to curb your enthusiasm for discount deals because the reality is you're not actually saving any money.

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Funds and Profits

Q How do mutual funds work, exactly? — *G.S., Madison, Alabama*

A In a nutshell, a mutual fund receives money from many investors and then professional managers choose how to invest it, for a fee. Mutual funds are a great solution for those of us who don't have the time, skill or interest to study the universe of investments and make "buy" and "sell" decisions repeatedly over long periods.

Mutual funds come in a wide variety, with some focused solely on one kind of asset, such as stocks or bonds, and some investing across several asset classes. Within the stock-fund world, funds might focus on large, medium or small companies; dividend-paying companies; fast-growing companies; or undervalued companies. Some specialize in particular industries, such as energy, healthcare or financial services; or regions, such as Europe, Latin America or Asia.

Fees vary widely by fund, and it's well worth minimizing the fees you pay so you can maximize the growth of your money. One way is to stick with low-fee, broad-market index funds, such as those that track the S&P 500 index, or the entire U.S. or world stock markets. Those tend to have ultra-low fees, are easy to get in or out of, pay dividends and often outperform more actively managed funds with higher fees.

Learn more about mutual funds at **Fool.com/investing/how-to-invest** and research individual funds at **Morningstar.com/funds**.

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Q Can you explain what "profit-taking" is? — *C.N., Tea, South Dakota*

A It's a fancy way of referring to selling investments for a gain. If many investors are selling out of a stock after it has run up a lot, the selling will depress the stock a bit, and you might hear that the share price is down due to profit-taking.

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Warren Buffett Loves Dividends. You Should, Too

As you go about your financial life, it's smart to learn from those who are great at managing money. It's hard to top Warren Buffett for that, as shares of his company, Berkshire Hathaway, have risen in value by 2,744,062% between 1964 and 2019. That's an average annual growth rate of over 20.4%!

One of Buffett's wealth-building strategies is available to all of us: investing in healthy and growing dividend-paying stocks. Over decades, Buffett has bought many companies outright — such as Dairy Queen and the entire BNSF railroad network — and he's bought portions of many other companies via shares of their stock. In Berkshire Hathaway's 2019 annual report, Buffett listed the total dividends received just from Berkshire's 10 largest stock holdings, which include American Express, Apple and Bank of America, and they amounted to nearly $3.8 billion. That's cash arriving year in and year out, which Buffett can reinvest in more companies or stock, building Berkshire's wealth further.

Consider just one of those stocks: Coca-Cola. Berkshire Hathaway owned 400 million shares — 9.3% of the whole company — as of the end of 2019, a stake worth $22.1 billion at that time. Buffett noted that the cost to acquire those shares over time was $1.3 billion. That alone reflects a great gain, but remember the dividends: Berkshire's shares of Coca-Cola entitled it to about $640 million in dividends in 2019 alone (up from $624 million in 2018). And the company has owned shares in Coca-Cola for many years, collecting dividends all along. Just a few recent years' worth of dividends earned back the entire price paid for the shares.

You may enjoy similar results, on a smaller scale, if you park money in some great dividend-paying stocks. Favor companies that are increasing their payouts briskly, and those generating plenty of cash for dividend payments. Check out our "Total Income" service at **Fool.com/services** to see some stocks we recommend. Or just opt for a dividend-focused fund or two, such as the Schwab U.S. Dividend Equity ETF (SCHD) or the Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF (VYM).

My Smartest Investment

Learning and Earning

My smartest investment has been my education. After all, education is the one thing that can't be taken away from you. — *S.C., online*

The Fool Responds: With college costs having soared in recent decades, some have come to question the value of higher education, arguing that massive student-loan debt isn't worth it, and that many jobs don't require college degrees. On the other hand, various studies show that those with college degrees earn more, on average, than those without. A recent study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York cited a "college wage premium" of nearly 75%, with the average college grad (with just a bachelor's degree) earning roughly $78,000 annually, compared with $45,000 for someone with only a high-school diploma.

That said, there are other factors to consider, such as what you study, because the major and profession you choose will make a big difference. Doing well in school can lead to better job prospects, and the school that you go to can matter, too. It's worth studying colleges and careers before sending in any applications — favor schools, degrees and careers that are likely to be satisfying and that pay you enough to live on. Keep student-loan debt to a minimum by seeking out and applying for scholarships and financial aid — there's more help out there than many people realize. For best results, keep learning throughout your life.

The Motley Fool Take

Under and Over Wear

There's a lot to like about Hanesbrands (NYSE: HBI). For starters, it owns a portfolio of familiar brands, such as Hanes, Champion, Maidenform, Bali, Playtex, L'eggs and Wonderbra. It's a top apparel brand in the U.S., and has the benefit of operating most of its own manufacturing facilities — unlike many of its rivals, which contract out for such work.

The company has been hurt by the pandemic, with many of its sales channels closed or ailing, though its mass-merchant channels such as Walmart and Target remained operational even during lockdown. Hanesbrands had already been struggling pre-pandemic with a soft innerwear market, and it carries significant debt (around $4 billion), far eclipsing its cash.

The news is not all bad, though, due in large part to its Champion activewear unit. In addition, Hanesbrands has a new business that's specifically pandemic-related: It began making protective face masks and gowns for the federal government, delivering more than 450 million masks and 20 million medical gowns on time. It's also making face masks for consumers, large organizations and business-to-business customers, and this new business doesn't look like it's going away anytime soon.

Hanesbrands stock may not double or triple in the near future, but it's positioned to reward long-term investors over time. Its dividend, recently yielding 3.5%, is a bonus.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco, where four guys began developing cloud-based customer-relationship management software in 1999. By 2001, I had more than 3,000 customers. For fiscal 2002, I had $22.4 million in revenue; by fiscal 2020, that topped $17 billion. I've been named one of the most admired companies and one of the best companies to work for. I've given more than $300 million in charitable grants, too. I employ more than 49,000 people, and 90% of Fortune 500 companies are my customers. My market value recently topped $242 billion. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1967, when a pathology resident borrowed $500 from his father-in-law and founded Metropolitan Pathology Laboratories, performing outpatient testing in a two-room apartment in New York City. Corning Glass Works bought me in 1982, only to spin me off in 1997 with a new name. Today, with a market value recently topping $15 billion, I'm the world's largest diagnostic information services company, serving about half the doctors and hospitals in America and over 30% of American adults annually. I employ some 47,000 people and rake in more than $7 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Quest Diagnostics)

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Suddenly retired? Here's what to do next

The pandemic seems to be driving a surge of early retirements as businesses close or downsize and older people weigh the health risks of continuing to work.

Liz Weston

The share of unemployed people not looking for work who called themselves "retired" increased to 60 percent in April from 53 percent in January, according to a study by three economists. The study was done in the early days of the pandemic, well before tens of thousands of businesses nationwide closed permanently and others began offering early retirement packages to trim their workforces.

"It seems to be a persistent and quite widespread phenomenon," says study co-author Michael Weber, an economics professor at the University of Chicago.

Unfortunately, many people haven't saved nearly enough to avoid a steep drop in their standard of living when they retire early, financial planners say. Even those with substantial retirement accounts could make hasty decisions that cause them to run short of money.

Create your retirement budget

Tally your expenses and identify any you can trim. Include irregular expenses, such as home repairs or a car replacement, that you're likely to face in coming years.

Your "must-have" expenses should include health insurance, says Catherine Valega, a certified financial planner in Waltham, Massachusetts. People typically must be 65 to be eligible for Medicare. Until then, prepare to pay for coverage because going without is especially dangerous during a pandemic.

If you had health insurance through your employer, you usually can extend that for up to 18 months, thanks to COBRA, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. But you'll have to pay the entire premium plus a 2 percent administrative fee. Last year, the average annual cost of health insurance was $7,188 for a single person and $20,576 for a family, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, which tracks health insurance trends.

If your spouse has group health insurance and can add you as a dependent, that's often the most cost-effective way to go. If not, you may find a better deal through HealthCare.gov, since most people will qualify for tax subsidies that reduce premium costs.

Evaluate all income sources

You may face decisions about what to do with workplace retirement accounts, such as whether to roll a 401(k) account into an IRA or how to take a pension. You may have to evaluate a buyout offer or figure out what to do with stock options.

These are complex decisions with huge consequences, so consider talking to a fee-only financial planner. Many financial planning organizations, including the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors, the Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education and the XY Planning Network offer free counseling sessions for those whose incomes have been affected by the pandemic.

Taking big withdrawals from your retirement funds early in retirement can dramatically increase the odds you'll run out of money. A 4 percent withdrawal rate – where you take 4 percent of your retirement account balance the first year and adjust that payout for inflation each year afterward – has historically allowed savings to last for a 30-year retirement. Some financial planners recommend a more conservative start of 3.5 percent or 3 percent, or starting at 4 percent and cutting back during bad markets.

Working at least part time can reduce the drain on your savings and may give you access to valuable benefits, including health insurance and retirement accounts. And staying connected to the workforce can increase your odds of finding a new full-time job if that's your goal.

Make informed choices

Social Security may be your largest source of income during retirement, and research shows most people would be better off delaying their applications to maximize their checks. That's not always possible, of course, but often financial planners recommend tapping other retirement funds first if that allows people to delay drawing on Social Security.

If you're married, it's important to consider how your decisions affect your spouse, says CFP Brian Ellenbecker of Milwaukee. The higher earner's check determines how much the survivor receives after the first spouse dies, for example. AARP has a free Social Security claiming calculator, and more sophisticated versions are available for a fee from Maximize My Social Security and Social Security Solutions.

Consider downsizing

If you can't cover expenses with your income, you may have other alternatives. If you own a home, have substantial equity (at least 50 percent) and are at least 62, a reverse mortgage can help you turn your home's value into a guaranteed monthly check. Or you may decide to sell your home and find somewhere cheaper to live.

Linda Rogers, a CFP from San Diego, says several of her clients discovered they can live well on less money by moving abroad for a few years. Portugal is a particularly popular destination, Rogers says.

Obviously, an overseas move isn't for everyone, particularly in a pandemic when many countries are restricting travel. But for some adventurous types, it could be at least a partial solution.

"They're loving it so far," Rogers says.

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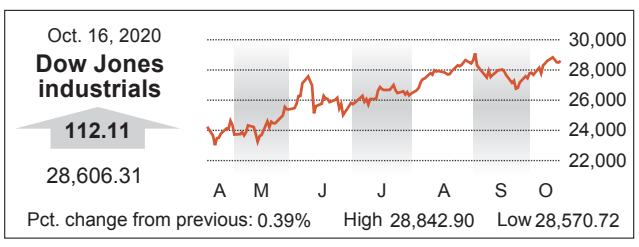

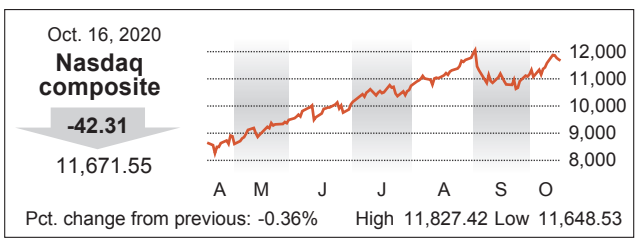

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AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	91.52	+1.98	+2.2	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	119.02	-1.69	-1.4	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1193.38	+.12	...	▲	▼	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	40.08	16.25	-.19	-1.2	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	65.28	+.51	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	50.03	+.04	+0.1	▼	▼	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	45.56	+.45	+1.0	▲	▲	▼
Deere	DE	106.14	240.66	240.06	+1.82	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	126.81	-.55	-0.4	▲	▼	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	95.56	-.98	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	73.12	34.10	-.35	-1.0	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	23.26	-.14	-0.6	▼	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	33.12	+.57	+1.8	▼	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	9.58	7.67	+.05	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.29	+.42	+6.1	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	287.66	+.12	...	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	11.80	+.18	+1.5	▲	▲	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	9.67	+.01	+0.1	▼	▼	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	191.36	192.73	+3.11	+1.6	▲	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	125.93	+1.04	+0.8	▼	▲	▲
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Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	219.66	...	...	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	33.30	+.57	+1.7	▲	▼	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	47.38	+.68	+1.5	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	37.95	+1.40	+3.8	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	145.33	144.39	+.56	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	93.57	+.15	+0.2	▲	▼	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	12.16	+.19	+1.6	▲	▼	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	227.39	224.05	+1.72	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	27.08	-.03	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
Target	TGT	90.17	166.68	164.92	-.54	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	157.07	153.09	+.99	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	177.15	174.44	+.40	+0.2	▼	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	58.05	-.11	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	101.56	+1.60	+1.6	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	151.33	144.71	+.18	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.88	64.50	37.41	-.23	-0.6	▲	▲	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.74	24.19	-.52	-2.1	▼	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	205.20	201.57	-.43	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	49.08	49.71	+.68	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	96.01	-1.90	-1.9	▲	▲	▲

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold steady from mostly $26.50-28, Golden Delicious sold from $26-28, Fuji sold higher for $32-34 with fine appearance $42, Pink Lady brought $35, Gala brought $34 while fine appearance offerings sold from mostly $39-40, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for $58. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious sold higher for $26-27, and Gala sold higher from $25-26, while Michigan McIntosh sold from $16-18.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold higher for $36.50, while white standard offerings sold from $24-24.50.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Ohio higher for $45.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Peru sold higher from mostly $39-40 with fine appearance offerings higher for $48-48.50, and Mexico offerings sold for $42-42.50. Organic offerings from California sold steady for $38.50. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers small-medium size from California sold steady for mostly $23-24, with fine appearance offerings $33-34, while organic offerings brought $28.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from mostly $19-20, with organic offerings sold for $51.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Michigan sold higher for $22.50, with red type $20-22.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher from mostly $25-27, with organic offerings $36 and fine appearance $44.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Wisconsin bi-color sold for mostly $33-35 while yellow sold for $30-32.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of medium size sold steady for $30, while select offerings brought $16, large sold from $16-18 and carton 24s brought $13-14. Pickles of 200-300 size from Florida sold for $36.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Wisconsin sold for $24.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold slightly lower for $28, with organic offerings $36-36.50.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold steady for mostly $40-41.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Michigan green jumbo sold slightly lower from mostly $27-28, extra-large sold for $30-32, and choppers sold lower from $17-19. Extra-large size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for $20-22, while offerings of medium-large hungarian wax peppers from Illinois sold lower for $16, extra-large size poblanos from Michigan sold for $20-21, and medium-large cubanelles sold higher for $42.

PRUNES: 28-pound cartons of Italian of 1-1/4-inch min. size from Washington sold steady for $25.

PUMPKINS: 1/2-bushel cartons of miniature orange from Michigan sold for $16, while 36-inch bins of howden type large sold for $135 with small and medium size from $130-135.

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small yellow straightneck from Michigan sold for $26. 4/7-bushel cartons of small zucchini from Mexico sold lower for $18 with medium $11-13, while yellow straightneck small sold lower for $14, with medium $13-14. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of large size acorn sold for $16-18 and medium size butternut brought mostly $16-17, and small spaghetti brought mostly $17-19.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Michigan of 5x6 and 6x6 size sold slightly higher for $30, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x5 size sold higher for $34. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Michigan sold from $18-20. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red medium size from Michigan sold steady for $14-16. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Michigan sold slightly higher from $18-20, with offerings from Mexico higher from $22-24.

U.S. retail sales grow for 5th month

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Passers-by examine a storefront window on Sept. 15 in Boston's fashionable Newbury Street shopping district. Retail sales rose in September for the fifth month in a row, as Americans spent more on clothing, cars and sporting goods. The U.S. Commerce Department said on Friday that retail sales grew 1.9 percent last month.

NEW YORK — Retail sales rose strongly in September, the fifth straight month of growth, as Americans spent more on clothing, cars and sporting goods.

U.S. retail sales jumped 1.9 percent last month, the U.S. Commerce Department said Friday. That's more than double what was economists were expected. And it's up from the 0.6 percent increase in August.

"Americans raced to the stores in September," said BMO Capital Markets analyst Sal Guatieri, in a note to investors, adding that they were "buying just about everything in sight, especially clothing."

Sales at clothing stores rose 11 percent, accounting for much of September's overall growth. Even sales at department stores, which have been falling out of fashion with shoppers for years, rose 9.7 percent last month.

At auto dealerships and auto part shops, sales were up 3.6 percent. And those looking to go camping or buy exercise equipment for their homes sent sales at sporting goods stores 5.7 percent higher.

Consumer spending makes up two-thirds of all U.S. economic activity, and is watched closely to gauge the country's economic health.

Retail sales have been recovering since plunging in the spring as stores and malls were ordered closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. And spending has continued even after more than 20 million unemployed Americans lost a $600 boost in their weekly unemployment checks at the end of July.

Friday's retail sales report covers only about a third of overall consumer spending. Services such as haircuts and hotel stays are not included in the report. All of those types of businesses have been badly hurt by the pandemic.

Whether people will keep shopping remains to be seen. The unemployment rate is still high, at 7.8 percent last month. Some economists say more federal checks for out-of-work Americans are needed to sustain spending. And some say rising COVID-19 cases could keep people away from stores.

Retailers are already facing a holiday season like no other.

Best Buy, Target and Walmart offered holiday deals in mid-October for the first time, piggybacking off Amazon which held its annual Prime Day sales event on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Stores hope the October deals will jumpstart holiday shopping early and keep crowds away from their stores in November and December, avoiding a potentially dangerous situation during a pandemic.

Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, said this week it would offer Black Friday deals over three weekends in November instead of just one day after Thanksgiving.

U.S. posts record $3.1T 2020 budget deficit

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WASHINGTON — The federal budget deficit hit an all-time high of $3.1 trillion in the 2020 budget year, more than double the previous record, as the coronavirus pandemic shrank revenues and sent spending soaring.

The Trump administration reported Friday that the deficit for the budget year that ended on Sept. 30 was three times the size of last year's deficit of $984 billion. It was also $2 trillion higher than the administration had estimated in February, before the pandemic hit.

It was the government's largest annual shortfall in dollar terms, surpassing the previous record of $1.4 trillion set in 2009. At that time, the Obama administration was spending heavily to shore up the nation's banking system and limit the economic damage from the 2008 financial crisis.

The 2020 deficit, in terms of its relationship to the economy, represented 15.2 percent of total gross domestic product, the sum of all the goods and services produced by the country. That was the highest level since 1945, when the U.S. was borrowing heavily to finance World War II.

The administration's final accounting of the 2020 budget year shows that revenues fell by 1.2 percent to $3.42 trillion, while government spending surged 47.3 percent to $6.55 trillion. That spending reflects the relief programs Congress passed in the spring to support the economy as millions of Americans were losing their jobs.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Wightman to host virtual town hall

BENTON HARBOR — To assist educators with the changing landscape, Wightman's education design team began offering a Zoom series in April called Wednesdays with Wightman – a Town Hall for Best Practices in Education.

For its next installment of this series, Wightman scheduled educational expert Ian Jukes on Wednesday at 1 p.m. His presentation, "Welcome to the Digital Revolution: Education in the Age of Disrupted Learning," is designed for school administrators, teachers, school board members and others who participate in educational decision-making.

This presentation examines the changing nature of our world, identifies the 21st Century skills not being addressed by the educational system, and identifies how to effectively engage learners so they can perform well on traditional exams.

Participants will be provided access to a digital library of resources aligned to the presentation.

What to know before hiring a search engine optimization expert

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This column is provided by SCORE, an organization dedicated to helping small businesses start, grow and succeed. The local SCORE chapter provide free and confidential mentoring in management, accounting, marketing and business plan preparation.

A website is a critical sales and marketing tool for just about every business.

It's a hub for product information, a conversion point for capturing leads, the holding place for marketing materials and company news, and many times serves as your potential customer's first impression of your business.

However, before any prospect can interact with your website, they first have to find your website. This discoverability is the culmination of a strong SEO, or search engine optimization, strategy and an SEO expert behind the scenes.

Most business owners are digital marketing novices making it hard to know what you're really buying when you hire an SEO expert.

If you're like most business owners, you understand the role of an SEO expert from a high level but aren't as familiar with the full scope of what's involved or the time required. This makes it a lot harder to confidently hire the right SEO expert and forces owners to take these professionals at their word.

Before you hire an SEO expert, make sure you have a basic understanding of what it takes to properly optimize a website and what to expect from a reputable professional.

1. Google values quality content.

An effective SEO strategy is rooted in good, quality content. When you hire an SEO expert, expect there to be a lot of discussion about writing blogs or creating new web pages for your website and adding this new content on a regular basis.

The key here is "quality" content. If an SEO expert suggests adding pages or blogs to your site that don't help your customers in some way, repeat content already on the site or are written simply to jam in keywords, you can actually do more harm than good to your site's search ranking. Google wants to see content that's helpful to the visitor and will reward quality content with higher search rankings.

Learn more about the importance of web content and blog writing for SEO as well as its other benefits by reading this SCORE article, "10 Reasons to Keep an Active Business Blog."

2. Optimizing a website is as much an art as a science

No two websites are alike, and neither are their SEO strategies. When you work with an SEO professional, expect to work closely with them as they consistently reassess what part of the SEO strategy is showing to be most effective. Your SEO consultant will likely run tests against keywords and not every aspect of the strategy will always work the first time.

Optimizing your website with the right keywords, text links, headline structures and all of the SEO elements that factor into a high ranking Google search result is an educated game of trial and error. Once your SEO consultant finds the right SEO approach, however, your traffic and conversion results should speak for themselves.

Learn more about the art and science of an effective SEO strategy by reading this SCORE article, "How to Optimize Your Web Pages with the Right Keywords."

3. SEO is a long-term commitment

An SEO expert who promises to come in and have your website at the top of Google's rankings within a few months presents a huge red flag. Effectively optimizing your website takes time and consistent effort.

Google prioritizes websites that have proven themselves valuable to web visitors over a period of time. Trying to cheat the system and get a high ranking without putting in the work is not how the game is played.

Arm yourself with a high-level knowledge of SEO to help you identify the true experts.

Unfortunately, with any specialized profession, there will always be the one 'expert' who tries to cut corners while promising the world. When it comes to SEO, your best bet is to do your research and gain a rudimentary understanding of SEO so you can ask the right questions when you sit down with a potential SEO consultant one on one.

Invest in an SEO expert who wants to get to know your company and your customers and work with you to build your online presence and overall business. Avoid self-proclaimed experts who promise a silver bullet.

Get references and ask for referrals from your network and other owners you trust.

Before you hire an SEO expert, ask your colleagues, peers and mentors who they trust to manage their website's SEO. This is the best place to start your search.

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Mining the Muskegon River's golden walleyes

Photo provided / Dave Mull

Heath Mcvicar Atwell shows a keeper walleye he caught from shore before a kayak fishing trip started Thursday on the upper Muskegon River.

"Hey Luis, get me my net please," said Heath Mcvicar Atwell calmly as he stood next to the Muskegon River launch ramp, playing a keeper walleye to shore. Luis Ibanez handed the landing net to Heath and the gold fish was soon landed.

Four of us had met before sunup Thursday at Heath's invitation to try and catch smallmouth bass and walleyes from our kayaks. The ramp is right underneath US 131 and traffic roared at 75 mph overhead.

Heath had dangled the prospect of great smallmouth bass fishing with the possibility of a walleye or two. When a trip starts with an immediate keeper – this one from shore before anyone had climbed into their kayak – it usually means you'll either have an amazing, action-filled day or that your group won't catch another fish. It's one of the unwritten rules of fishing.

For us, however, Thursday's outing was the exception to that rule. We didn't catch a lot more fish, but we did catch more.

Heath, who had a banner year fishing kayak bass tournaments on a couple of circuits in the state, started like the proverbial house afire, soon tussling with a second keeper, and then a third walleye that was slightly below Michigan's 15-inch length limit. Luis brought in a 14-incher that he quickly released. Only Kris Stakley and I had a slow start.

Heath has spent a good deal of time learning how

Dave Mull

and where to catch walleyes in Michigan, and the spot we launched into on the Muskegon was not one of his favorites for these delectable fish. It is a favorite stretch for smallmouths, however.

While we would cast up around downed trees, rocks and brush for smallmouth, the walleyes would most likely be mid-river, Heath said. He recommended a basic setup of a 4- to 5-inch soft plastic swimbait on a bright orange and yellow, 1/4-ounce jighead. The weight was just right to keep the wiggly presentation near bottom in up to 14 feet of water. Heath showed us how to simply cast upstream and reel with the jig near bottom in the soft current. A strong west wind counteracted the current, keeping our kayaks almost stationary or moving slightly upstream. We all could cast downwind and fish comfortably without paddling or pedaling our plastic craft much. However, our opening flurry under the noisy bridge soon ended.

"I use round-head jigs, cheap ones, because it doesn't matter what shape the head is, you're going to get snagged and lose some jigs here," he said as I paddled my kayak next to him upstream to another area.

"The walleyes bite good right as it starts getting light and then shut off for a couple of hours as their eyes adjust to the brighter light," Heath said. "They start biting again at 10 or 11."

That theory was one I had not heard before, but sensitive eyes or not, the walleyes had indeed quit biting. And his prediction of when they would start again was spot on – at least for one of the golden fish. I connected with my first one right before 11 a.m., under a smaller bridge upstream. It was 15 inches long and went into the cooler behind my seat.

Lacking 1/4-ounce jigs, I'd tied on a red, 1/10-ounce mushroom-shaped Z-Man ShroomZ head. The soft plastic, 3-inch Z-Man MinnowZ in the California Craw color, which is dark green with red and gold flake, enticed my fish into biting.

As noon approached, we headed back downstream to the 131 bridge. Heath had to leave, and Kris, Luis and I were about ready to call it quits, too, but fished just awhile longer. That was long enough for me to catch my second fish of the day, a 24-inch pike, which joined the walleye in my cooler.

Almost on cue, the strong west wind became a pelting mist of rain, so the three of us headed to Buffalo Wild Wings for lunch in nearby Big Rapids.

We never did catch any smallmouths, but a trip like Thursday's can help remind a guy why the Michigan outdoors is so special.

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FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: The windy weather has kept anglers from getting out. Pier anglers have not been having much luck.

St. Joseph River: Fishing has been slow with not many able to get out.

South Haven: The windy weather has kept anglers from getting out. No reports from pier anglers.

Holland: The weather has resulted in little, if any, fishing activity.

Grand Haven: The Harbor Island boat launch is closed.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Coho, steelhead and Chinook numbers have been decreasing. Anglers are mainly using spawn, spinners, thunder sticks and wet flies. Some anglers were catching panfish using red worms and crickets. Some reports of crappie being caught on minnows and red worms.

— Michigan DNR, Oct. 14

Yellowstone lodgings canceled for winter

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. (AP) — There will be no guest lodging at Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park this winter due to the coronavirus pandemic, officials said.

More than 100 guest units are closing for the rest of the year and for the winter to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, park officials said in an announcement on the park website last weekend.

Another consideration is that there are very few medical services in that area of the park. During the winter, most of Yellowstone is accessible only by snowmobiles and vehicles called snowcoaches that transport people.

Xanterra Travel Collections, which operates accommodations in the park, doesn't plan to open the Snow Lodge at Old Faithful for lodging this winter. Winter lodging will still be available at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel at the park's northern gateway.

Xanterra will also close the Madison Campground a week earlier than normal.

The Old Faithful Inn operated by Xanterra was not open this summer because of staffing issues related to the coronavirus pandemic, the Jackson Hole News and Guide reported.

Yellowstone's interior loop roads and its south, west and east entrances are scheduled to close for winter on Nov. 2. The north entrance road will remain open without interruption between the Montana communities of Mammoth and Cooke City.

Despite the restrictions that will limit park visitation over the winter, a record number of visitors went to the park during the fall.

The 837,000 visitors for September was nearly 16 percent higher than during the same month in 2018, which held the previous record for the month.

Sarett Nature Center

Fall Color Hike at Ross Preserve: 1 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Ross Preserve in Covert. Meet a Sarett naturalist for a fall color walk, identifying different leaves and discussing how and why they change color. Cost is $5, free for members. Call 927-4832 to reserve your spot.

All About Bats: 2 p.m. Oct. 24. Join Western Michigan University professpr Maarten Vonhof for an afternoon learning about conservation and current research on bats. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for outdoor seating. Cost is $5, free for members. Call 927-4832 to reserve your spot.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes through the end of the year.

December: Register from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 1. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5.

For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Dog Days of Summer: 8-10 a.m. Saturdays through the end of October. Fernwood members – bring your canine for a walk. No registration required.

Pumpkin House: Open through Thanksgiving weekend, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Mondays and Thanksgiving Day. Free with Fernwood admission.

Fall Foliage Nature Walk & Craft: Follow a special route highlighting fall foliage and collect materials to make a nature eye mask. Packs available for $5 at the Visitor Center check-in window. They include a route map indicating material gathering stations, eye mask template and string, and eye mask creation instructions.

Harbor Country Hikers

Madeline Bertrand County Park hike: 10 a.m. Oct. 24. A Berrien County park naturalist will lead the two-hour hike, which is rated moderately physically difficult. The Hikers recommend members and guests dress for the season, wear sturdy shoes or boots and insect repellent, and bring water. The group observes social distancing guidelines and requires the use of face masks at its events.

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You got the goods?

As someone who actively looks for others' stories, I don't always expect it when something noteworthy happens to me.

Andy Steinke

I live a generally nondescript life. Boring some might call it. But a week of vacation gave me the opportunity to leave "my office" and do some things.

For months I've been searching the secondary market for a camera to replace my nearly 11-year-old DSLR. There are plenty available with a lifetime worth of clicks, but I finally found a barely used full-frame for more than 60 percent off retail price.

There was just one catch: The seller lived in Tecumseh, 2 ½ hours away.

I was off work, so I looked at it as the perfect opportunity to see the fall colors and enjoy the Michigan countryside. I didn't really want to tackle my long to-do list anyway.

The drive was uneventful, outside of some end-of-season road construction, but the meetup got me thinking I had the makings of a novel on my hands:

It was a sunny morning in October when I met Andre, a complete stranger, on a bench outside Jerry's Market. An envelope full of small bills was tucked into the pocket of my hoodie.

"I am up front," he messaged me.

He had a camera for sale. Cheap. And I was in need of my next fix. I introduced myself, and inspected the goods.

"Looks brand new," I said, and asked him why he was selling it at such a discount.

"I went too big too fast," he told me, as regret covered his face.

He had bought the camera, and several expensive lenses, before going on a mission trip. It was only after he got there that he realized he would rather shoot pictures with his iPhone.

Amateur. His loss was my gain, though, and I offered him the envelope.

An old man walked past as money changed hands, "Got a game of poker going on out here? I'm in!"

"I wish," I said, "then I might have a chance to win my money back."

Andre quickly counted the bills as the wind tried its best to blow them across the parking lot. He was satisfied that everything was there, and we parted ways – never to meet again.

I texted my wife: "Got the camera, didn't get ax murdered." And I started my long drive back home.

I don't know. With a little fiction thrown in there, I could turn this thing into a Halloween thriller.

Maybe Andre remembers he forgot his SD card in the camera, and it includes thousands of incriminating photos. I go on the run as Andre follows my trail, tracks me down and chases me through the woods with an ax.

I narrowly escape and get the pictures to police only to discover Andre's been dead for years ...

Or maybe I'll just enjoy my new camera. Writing a book is hard.

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Yong Kim / The Philadelphia Inquirer

A voter prepares to drop off a ballot at a drop box outside Philadelphia City Hall on May 28.

When will we know who wins?

Presidential election results could depend on absentee ballot rules in these states – including Michigan

By ARIT JOHN
Los Angeles Times

Election night? Try election week.

Election officials and the news media are preparing for delays in 2020 returns as a record-breaking number of voters are expected to take advantage of expanded mail voting options during a pandemic that continues to kill hundreds each day in the U.S.

Making matter worse, slow U.S. Postal Service delivery has raised concerns about whether ballots will be postmarked and delivered on time, and many of the states that decided the 2016 race with the narrowest of margins have outdated laws on counting absentee ballot that don't account for this year's uptick.

In 2016, President Donald Trump surpassed the 270 electoral votes necessary to win thanks in part to razor-thin victories in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. The Electoral College's 538 electors are doled out on a winner-take-all basis in nearly every state (Maine and Nebraska use a proportional system). Ballots that are discounted because they arrived late could tip the election.

In battleground states across the country, pending lawsuits and legislation could drastically change rules on when ballots must be received and when they can be prepared for counting.

"The unofficial results that we report on election night are just that, always have been, unofficial results," Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose said at a Sept. 8 news conference. "This year they may be a little more unofficial than usual because we know that we're going to receive a record number of absentee ballots."

Trump, who has claimed repeatedly and without evidence that mail voting leads to widespread fraud, has called for results to be finalized on election night.

Critics have said Trump is setting up to try to delegitimize the results of an election he might lose, including a scenario in which he is ahead on election night when millions of mail ballots have yet to be counted.

The president has also said he's unwilling to approve a funding boost for the Postal Service because of the role it will play delivering millions of absentee ballots. Vote by mail could hurt his election chances, he's said, arguing that his supporters are more likely to vote in person.

Trump's stance on mail voting has helped politicize the process. Democratic voters have been requesting absentee ballots at higher rates than Republicans in some battleground states.

Democratic governors and Republican-controlled legislatures in states like Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania were debating rules on when ballots can be processed and when they're due. And every battleground state has been subject to lawsuits over mail balloting, with the Trump campaign going after states trying to make it easier to vote in the pandemic.

How long it will take to calculate final results depends on several factors, including when ballots are due and when election officials are allowed to begin preparing ballots for counting.

Before a voter's selections are tabulated, election officials need to verify the signatures on ballots, open them, flatten them out and scan them through equipment, said Amber McReynolds, CEO of the National Vote at Home Institute.

Ideally, local election officials would be allowed to start processing a ballot when it is received, to let voters know their ballot was accepted, she said. The tabulation of actual votes usually comes later.

Her organization has been advocating for changes in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, which have Democratic governors, Republican-controlled legislatures and laws that prohibit ballot preparation before Election Day.

McReynolds, the former director of elections for Denver, noted that state legislators who "set the rules of the game for the election process" are often reluctant to change the process. "We frankly see a lot of resistance to change, because they got elected in the model that exists."

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer recently signed a law allowing election clerks whose jurisdiction contains at least 25,000 people to start processing, but not counting, absentee ballots for 10 hours the day before Election Day.

Previously, a law prohibited any processing before Election Day. Michigan officials are expecting twice as many mail-in ballots as usual this November.

Then there's the question of when ballots must be received: At least six battleground states will accept ballots after Nov. 3 if they've been postmarked on or before that day. Others require absentee ballots to be received by election night, though lawsuits in some of those states are pushing to change that.

Here's where things stand in the states that will likely determine the next president:

Michigan (16 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? When polls close on election night.

When are ballots processed? Processing and counting begins on Election Day, or potentially the day before in jurisdictions with at least 25,000 people.

In the state's August primary, a record-breaking 1.6 million – of 2.5 million – ballots cast were absentee, according to Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. Michigan voters passed a proposition in 2018 that allows for no-excuse absentee voting.

Benson and other officials have called for allowing ballot processing to begin sooner and changing the requirement that ballots must be received by Election Day. More than 6,400 absentee ballots in August arrived too late to be counted, according to Benson's office.

As of Tuesday, nearly 1 million Michiganders had already returned absentee ballots, and more than 2.8 million have requested them.

Arizona (11 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? Must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day.

When are ballots processed? Signature verification happens upon receipt. Vote tallying may begin 14 days before the election, but results may not be released until polls close.

Arizona residents have been voting by mail for decades, and the state allows people to permanently sign up to receive absentee ballots. In the August primary, 88 percent of voters cast their ballots early, primarily by mail.

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Senior companion exemplifies love in action

Pat Arter
Generations

'People don't talk to each other like they used to. You used to know your neighbors, and if you needed something, you would help each other. When I have needed something, I used to be able to turn to my neighbors. That doesn't happen anymore," 80-year-old Area Agency on Aging senior companion volunteer Kaye Smith said through a voice becoming choked up with emotion.

"That is why, when they showed up to help, it made me feel so thankful," she said. "To find someone that is so kind, considerate, thoughtful and helpful? There is not one word that describes it."

Four years ago, Kaye signed up to be an AAA AmeriCorps senior volunteer after seeing a story about it in the Greater Niles Senior Center newsletter. She wasn't working anymore, and wanted to help others.

She felt like volunteering would be a great way to stay active, but didn't know that ultimately her volunteerism would spark someone to volunteer to help her.

Kaye is currently a senior companion to four area seniors. One of them is Julie, or Jewel as her friends call her. Kaye and Jewel forged an instant bond after they had realized their late husbands had grown up together.

Jewel's daughter, Sera, would come over often to sit and chat with both ladies. Sometimes Sera would call Kaye to thank her for helping her mom, and to check and see if Kaye was doing was OK.

One evening, while she was talking to Sera on the phone, she mentioned the problem she had with the bushes in her back yard. A friend had pulled up the overgrown bushes for her and piled them by Kaye's shed. Soon, animals started to make their homes in the bushes and worked their way into the shed.

Sera said she liked to do that kind of work, and she showed up a few days later with her friends, Liz and Sammy, and they got to it.

"They got rid of the bushes, mowed my yard, and cleaned up the shed," Kaye said. "Then, they came back and replaced my broken gate and installed a nice back door. They were back another day measuring my back porch to fix it up and help me get organized."

Kaye has lived in Niles since the early '60s. She raised four children and has 10 grandchildren. She even has one she picks up from school every day.

After high school, she got a job at Simplicity Pattern and worked there with her husband until he passed away in 1984. When her job ended, she went to Alaska for a few months to hike down the side of a glacier.

Kaye still likes to keep

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PET OF THE WEEK

Sterling, a cattle dog-hound mix, likes hikes, walks and runs. Having lots of energy, his nickname is Wild Child. His personality is as strong as his desire for a forever home. Adopt him and say goodbye to boredom. After a day of fun, he's ready for a nap. He's good with dogs and kids, and is house-trained, neutered and microchipped. For more information, visit Berrien County Animal Control or call 927-5648.

ARTER

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busy. Even now, with four senior companion clients, she still does her own laundry, grocery shopping, and spends time with her grandchildren.

Kaye says she really enjoys being a Senior Companion because it helps keep her brain more alert. She also likes the fact that being a companion gets her out, keeps her active, and that she gets to have conversations with other people, which she greatly enjoys.

"That is the best part. I like to say, 'If you don't use it, you lose it,'" Kaye joked.

Erma Bombeck once said, "Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience and just plain loving one another."

This simple story of love in action lifted my spirits this week. I hope it did yours as well.

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ELECTION WEEK

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The state is also familiar with the extended counting period that comes with mail ballots – it took six days for The Associated Press to call the 2018 Senate race for Kyrsten Sinema. Martha McSally, who was later appointed to the Senate, was leading on election night.

Florida (29 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? Must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day.

When are ballots processed? County officials may begin tallying votes as soon as they complete a public test of ballot counting machines.

"States like Florida should be able to handle an influx of vote by mail ballots," said Daniel Smith, the chair of the University of Florida political science department.

The state has allowed no-excuse absentee voting since 2002, so voters are familiar with the process. In June, Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis signed an executive order allowing county election officials to start counting votes once tabulation equipment is tested.

"Does that mean there aren't going to be problems? No," Smith said. "Throw all that out the window if it's a close election."

Georgia (16 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? Ballots postmarked by Election Day will count if received by three days after the election.

When are ballots processed? Signatures on the envelopes are verified when ballots are received, but envelopes may not be opened until 7 a.m. Election Day. Counting of votes may not begin before polls close.

The state saw a massive increase in absentee voting in its June primary: About 1.1 million ballots were cast by mail, far more than the 37,000 cast in the 2016 primary.

A federal judge in late August blocked a state law that required ballots be received by 7 p.m. election night, ruling the state must accept those postmarked by Election Day and received by country officials in three days. Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger filed an appeal Sept. 4.

Iowa (6 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? Ballots must be submitted in person by Election Day; ballots postmarked the day before the election will be accepted until Nov. 9.

When are ballots processed? County auditors can begin counting absentee ballots the day before the election.

Iowa sent absentee ballot request forms to voters ahead of its June primary and will send new request forms ahead of the general election. In June, 78 percent of voters cast absentee ballots before Election Day either by mail or in person. In the 2016 primary, just 18 percent of voters cast absentee ballots.

Minnesota (10 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Nov. 10. Voters can also turn in ballots in person by 3 p.m. Election Day.

When does ballot processing begin? Ballots are verified and accepted or rejected upon receipt. At the close of business on the seventh day before the election, officials may open the ballots and place them in a ballot box. Counting begins after polls close.

Minnesota enacted no-excuse absentee voting in 2014, and 6 out of 10 voters took advantage of that in the state's August primary. On Aug. 4, a county judge ruled the state should allow ballots postmarked by Election Day to be counted if they're received by Nov. 10.

The Trump campaign and RNC are appealing, and the ruling and will be considered by the state Supreme Court, which issued a split decision recently in a case on voter assistance. The court upheld a Democratic-backed lower court ruling that blocked enforcement of a cap on how many people a person can assist with voting in-person, but reversed a ruling that would have allowed a person to collect and deliver more than three ballots in a move favored by Republicans.

New Hampshire (4 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? Yes, but the state will allow people concerned with catching the coronavirus or exposing others to vote absentee.

When are ballots due? 5 p.m. election night.

When are ballots processed? Processing may begin at 1 p.m. Election Day, or as early as two hours after polls open if proper notice is given. Counting begins after the polls close on Election Day.

New Hampshire, which traditionally favors in-person voting, saw a massive uptick in absentee ballot requests ahead of its Sept. 8 primary. Secretary of State Bill Gardner has said he expects the state will have election results on Nov. 3, even with increased absentee ballots.

Meanwhile, the American Federation of Teachers is suing the state to, among other things, extend the mail ballot deadline. The Trump campaign and RNC have asked to intervene in the case to oppose any changes.

North Carolina (15 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? Ballots postmarked by Election Day will be accepted until Nov. 6.

When are ballots processed? Ballot processing – including opening of ballots – may begin Sept. 29. Counting begins on Election Day. The state began sending out ballots Sept. 4.

North Carolina officials expect to report on election night the totals for all in-person early voting ballots, Election Day ballots and mail-in ballots that arrive by Nov. 3, according to Patrick Gannon, a spokesman for the state's election board.

"Whether the media and/or candidates will be able to call winners ... will depend on how close contests are and how many absentee and provisional ballots remain to be counted after Election Day," Gannon wrote in an email.

Ohio (18 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? Ballots postmarked the day before the election will be accepted until Nov. 13.

When are ballots processed? Ballots can be processed as soon as they arrive at the Board of Elections, and counted on Election Day.

Ohio sent absentee ballot request forms to all 7.8 million registered voters in the state.

More than 1 million voters had returned the form as of Sept. 4, a threshold the state didn't reach until early October in 2016.

LaRose, the secretary of state, said the earliest tallies announced on election night will be the absentee ballots.

Pennsylvania (20 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No.

When are ballots due? Ballots postmarked by Election Day must be received by election officials by 5 p.m. Nov. 6.

When are ballots processed? Counting and processing may begin at 7 a.m. Election Day

Pennsylvania passed legislation last year allowing voters to request absentee ballots without an excuse. In the June 2 primary, about 1.8 million voters received absentee ballots, 17 times more than the number who requested absentee ballots in the 2016 presidential primary, according to election officials. Of those, 1.5 million were returned.

Following a request from election officials and a lawsuit from the state Democratic Party, the state Supreme Court on Sept. 17 ruled that ballots postmarked by Election Day and received by 5 p.m. three days after the election would count. The court also ruled that ballots that had a missing or illegible postmark would be considered on time if they weren't obviously mailed after Election Day.

There are also efforts to allow election officials to begin processing ballots sooner, after it took more than two weeks to complete the count of the June primary. Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf has called for giving officials 21 days. A bill written by Republicans in the state Senate would allow processing to begin three days before the election and would move up the deadline to request an absentee ballot, which Wolf opposes.

Wisconsin (10 electoral votes)

Excuse needed to vote absentee? No

When are ballots due? 8 p.m. election night.

When are ballots processed? Processing and counting begins at 7 a.m. Election Day

The state's April 7 primary in some ways set the tone for the November election – voters chose to mail in their ballots in record numbers even in the midst of a chaotic legal fight.

Nearly 1 million people – 60 percent of April primary voters – mailed in their ballots, far surpassing the historic average of 6 percent.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that ballots in that primary had to be postmarked by April 7, but could still be counted if they arrived by April 13.

About 79,000 ballots arrived between April 8 and 13. Voters may not get the same grace period in November. Democrats are suing to change it.

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What are Trump's chances?

Byron York

Every day, some new poll is published showing Democratic challenger Joe Biden with a big lead over President Donald Trump. Some Trump supporters ignore the news because some of the polls were wrong in 2016. They shouldn't. The polls are real, and there is no doubt Trump is facing a serious challenge. But those polls don't tell the whole story. Recently, we have seen a number of indicators to suggest not that the polls are completely wrong, but that the race might change in its final days.

Start with a jaw-dropping number from Gallup. In a survey taken Sept. 14-28, the polling organization asked voters their version of the famous Ronald Reagan question: "Would you say you and your family are better off now than you were four years ago, or are you worse off now?" A whopping 56 percent said yes, they are better off now. Remember that the poll was taken recently, after months of anxieties associated with the coronavirus pandemic, the lockdowns and the accompanying economic plunge. And a solid majority still said they are better off today than before Trump was elected.

Trump's number was better than any other recently reelected president. In December 2012, just after Barack Obama was reelected, 45 percent told Gallup they were better off than four years earlier. In October 2004, just before George W. Bush was reelected, 47 percent said they were better off. Trump's 56 percent is better than both.

Normally, one would expect a president in office at a time when a strong majority felt better off than four years earlier to be in a strong position for a second term. Yet Trump is trailing Biden by 10 percentage points in the RealClearPolitics average of national polls and is also behind, by various figures, in key battleground states like Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin.

And then there's this: Gallup also asked, "Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with [Trump or Biden] on the issues that mean most to you." Forty-nine percent said they agreed with Trump on their most important issues, while 46 percent said the same thing of Biden.

And then there's news that in some critically important states, Republicans are strongly outpacing Democrats in signing up new voters. "Of the six states Trump won by less than 5 points in 2016, four – Arizona, Florida, North Carolina and Pennsylvania – permit voters to register by party," NBC reported at the beginning of this month. "In all four states, voter registration trends are more robust for the GOP than four years ago." More robust than Democrats, too. In Pennsylvania, NBC reported, Republicans added 135,619 new voters this summer, while Democrats added 57,985.

Then there is Trump's job approval rating. In the new poll from ABC News and The Washington Post, it is 45 percent. While by no means great, that is higher than his position in the polls versus Biden. Which leads to the question asked by RealClearPolitics' Sean Trende in an interview with The New Yorker: "Who are these people that approve of the job he's doing but aren't going to vote for him?" Perhaps they are people who are going to end up voting for the president, no matter what they may say now. "There are people who like his policies, but hate his persona," Trende continued. "But it could also be that these are voters who are saying they're undecided, but they really aren't."

So why isn't Trump leading in the polls? Or at least even in the polls? In part, because so many voters say they are turned off by his personality, his manner, his style, his public performance in office. In the same poll in which 56 percent said they are better off than four years ago, Gallup also asked whether voters "agree or disagree that (Trump or Biden) has the personality and leadership qualities a president should have." Forty-nine percent said Biden has those qualities, while 44 percent said Trump has them. Other polls, while finding that voters see Trump as a strong leader, have highlighted voter unhappiness with his personality.

In The New Yorker, Trende was asked about Trump's handling of coronavirus – polls show the public strongly disapproves of it. But the polls in New York State also show the public strongly approves of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's handling of the virus, which has been an indisputable disaster. How to make sense of that? "People want to hear presidents giving moving speeches, even if what they do isn't that effective," Trende said. "And (Trump) just couldn't do it."

Trende went on to note that, of the major things Biden is promising to do to defeat coronavirus, Trump is already doing them. But for many voters, Biden outlines his plans in a more pleasing, palatable way than Trump. "That's what people want," Trende said. "To just say you're going to do something to make it better and look like you care. And Trump's just incapable of that."

Which leads to the great irony of Trump's current status. He had an advantage over other 2016 contenders because of his celebrity, because he had for years been the star of a highly rated television show. But now he is struggling because, even though he can point to solid accomplishments – on the economy, deregulation, judicial appointments, tax reform, defeating ISIS, reducing illegal immigration and more – he has not given some Americans the performance they want. They want a president who acts like their vision of a president. Trump doesn't. And that, more than issues, more than whether voters are better off today than they were four years ago, might be the deciding factor in 2020.

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National debt can't be ignored

"Debt is the worst poverty."
– Thomas Fuller, 17th century English churchman and historian

Cal Thomas

No reporter asks about it. The candidates don't talk about it. Are voters even concerned about it?

The unmentioned "it" is the national debt, which recently reached $27 trillion and continues to grow like an untreated tumor on the economic body of the nation.

At least one group is trying to get the public's attention about how dangerous the national debt is to the future of the country. It is the newly formed Millennial Debt Commission, or MDC, a civilian-led commission working toward a framework for long-term deficit reduction, made up of "20 millennial business leaders from across the country."

The MDC recently held a conference call with current and former members of Congress (all Republicans, unfortunately, since the debt is equally the fault of both parties) and former government officials.

One of those on the call was former Congressional Budget Office Director Doug Holtz-Eakin, who said the national debt is "quite literally mathematically unsustainable." This is not new, as many have been saying much the same over many years, though they lack the will to do anything about reducing it. These include congresses with Democrat and Republican majorities and administrations. Holtz-Eakin added, "We are headed into a death spiral where we borrow to pay interest on previous borrowing, and it cannot be sustained."

It is, as Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wisc., calls it, "intergenerational theft." We've heard that one before, too, but it's one thing to sound an alarm; it is quite another to stop the thieves. Said Johnson, "70 percent of our budget (is) now on complete automatic pilot ..."

While some alarmists are warning we could all die from climate change in the next however many years (their predictions differ and have been consistently wrong), the national debt is a clear and present threat to the stability, even existence, of the country. Great nations of the past have expired, or been greatly diminished, by refusing to control debt.

Rep. William Timmons, R-S.C., warned, "The global economy is not going to allow the United States government to borrow $70 trillion (his estimate at the current rate of borrowing and spending) ... we will lose our preeminent position and the dollar will just be in the trash can."

Rep. Bryan Steil, R-Wisc., added, "... the projected Congressional Budget Office debt to GDP ratio at the end of the year is 101 percent. That's really the tipping point when you talk to macroeconomists and where you get into a danger zone. ... What we need to do is have an adult and thoughtful conversation about how we are going to turn the tide and get back to a sustainable path going forward."

Ah, but herein lies the problem. Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, told the conference call participants, "I was on the budget and appropriations process reform committee, the joint select committee that was established several years ago ... we couldn't come together on legislation. We could not do anything more than simple window dressing. ... There are so many people stuck in the way that we've always done things ... and we really do have to move beyond that."

The ongoing problem is how? As long as many Americans believe government owes them money extracted from other people, as long as politicians use spending to "buy" votes, refusing to say "no" to any request, the debt will grow. That guarantees the bill will come due sooner rather than later.

Ralph Waldo Emerson is among legions of people who have warned of the dangers of debt: "A man in debt is so far a slave."

If that is true for individuals, how much more for nations?"

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LETTERS

VandenHeede is clearly the best candidate

Editor,

It seems like the only reliable trend in politics is how often we're forced to vote for "the least worst" candidate. Fortunately, that's not the case in this year's 78th District race for state representative. Incumbent Brad Paquette has been so overshadowed by challenger Dan VandenHeede. I recommend everyone compare their qualifications.

Start first with their local experience. VandenHeede grew up in the district, and returned after college to teach school there for 25 years. He's been married for 32 years, raised three healthy, productive kids, and been elected to the Niles City Council five times in a row. At only 52 years old, he also made time to coach cross country and track for 20-plus years, renovate their 100-year-old home, start a small vacation rental business, indulge his passion for vintage cars, write a column for the local paper, spearhead Niles community garden effort, serve on its parks and airport boards, and chair the city's ordinance committee.

In contrast, Paquette grew up in northern Michigan and mostly attended college until 2012. After a short teaching stint in Niles, and serving two years on its planning commission, he won the 2018 race for state representative, even after refusing to debate his opponent at a League of Women Voters forum. In his two years representing the 78th District, Paquette has sat on four House committees, and recently opposed Gretchen Whitmer's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 by posting interviews with small business owners critical of her actions on his Facebook page.

To say Dan VandenHeede is the more experienced candidate would be an understatement, but it's his work ethic, honesty and community involvement that make him a true "best candidate."

Warren Stewart
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How Joe Biden could revolutionize American politics

E.J. Dionne

Joe Biden may be running a safe and centrist campaign, but beneath the methodical calm is a genuinely innovative ideological appeal. The former vice president is updating and bringing back the long-dormant Democratic tradition of labor liberalism.

He is doing so rhetorically and with union hall visits, but also through an agenda that seeks to spark economic growth through substantial public investments. He would build infrastructure, fight climate change, raise wages, guarantee health insurance coverage and expand child-care and pre-K programs.

And he is creating the sort of multiracial electoral coalition that has always been the only workable path to progressive governance.

Understanding how the pieces of Biden's strategy interact is the best way to square two seemingly contradictory facts: that Biden is running as a moderate, and that he has put forward the most progressive platform a Democrat has offered in years.

Biden is indeed a moderate to his bones and prides himself on working with Republicans. He knows that President Donald Trump's irresponsible and divisive presidency is encouraging relatively conservative voters to break ranks and back a Democrat – often, for the first time in their lives.

At the same time, he and his advisers recognize that rising economic inequality, the decline in well-paying manufacturing jobs, the weakening of unions, and growing regional disparities require robust government intervention to create a more just form of capitalism. They also see how economic and racial injustices aggravate each other.

What allows Biden to be both a moderate and an economic reformer is that it is no longer radical to acknowledge the high costs of inequality, and Biden's objectives are thoroughly mainstream.

Republicans want to kill the Affordable Care Act indirectly through the courts because they know it's unpopular to advocate ripping apart the protections it offers. Trump talks incessantly about infrastructure investments without delivering a dime. Few dispute that the United States' child-care system is inadequate, or that caregivers, including essential workers, are often badly paid.

By addressing the climate crisis through investments in efficiency and new energy sources, Biden turns actions to try to avert environmental catastrophe into an engine of job creation. And his tax plan is middle- and working-class friendly: Virtually all of the tax increases to pay for his program would fall on the top 1 percent of earners and on corporations.

As for trade, Biden talks of bringing home supply chains in certain industries and criticizes Trump's approach to China not for being too tough but as "chaotic," "erratic" and mere "bluster that's only stiffed American workers."

With Trump's behavior and record serving as wedges to divide the center-right coalition, Biden has been left free to pursue bridge politics on his own side.

His strong criticisms of Trump's record on race, his attacks on "extremist white supremacist groups menacing our communities," and his choice of Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., as his running mate have solidified Biden's already strong support among Black voters.

Now he is launching direct appeals to working-class Whites, particularly those who voted for President Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012 but shifted to Trump in 2016. "A lot of White working-class Democrats thought we forgot them and didn't pay attention," Biden told reporters during a visit to Pennsylvania this month. "I want them to know . . . I get it. I get their sense of being left behind."

He drove the appeal home in a speech in Erie, Pa., last weekend. "The president can only see the world from Park Avenue," Biden said. "I see it from Scranton. . . . That's why my program to build back better is focused on working people." On Monday in Toledo, Ohio, he said of Trump: "His only metric for American prosperity that he values is the Dow Jones."

He seems to be getting through. Steve Rosenthal, a union strategist with access to labor polling, said Biden was "running a solid 10 points ahead of where Hillary Clinton was in union households nationally," and even better in swing states.

There's irony in how Trump's 2016 victory pushed Democrats in a more progressive direction on economic and class issues.

The success of a right-wing candidate might typically be expected to pull a center-left party closer to the middle. But precisely because Trump won the key states of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin due to defections among disgruntled blue-collar voters, he brought home – even to Democrats who are middle-of-the-road on economic questions – the need for a more populist appeal and more thoroughgoing economic change.

A second irony: Because labor Democrats are often seen as old-school, Biden's arguments are inherently reassuring and carry moderate resonances. But creating a labor liberalism for the 21st century would be no small achievement. In his benign and prudent way, Joe Biden is in the business of fundamentally restructuring American politics.

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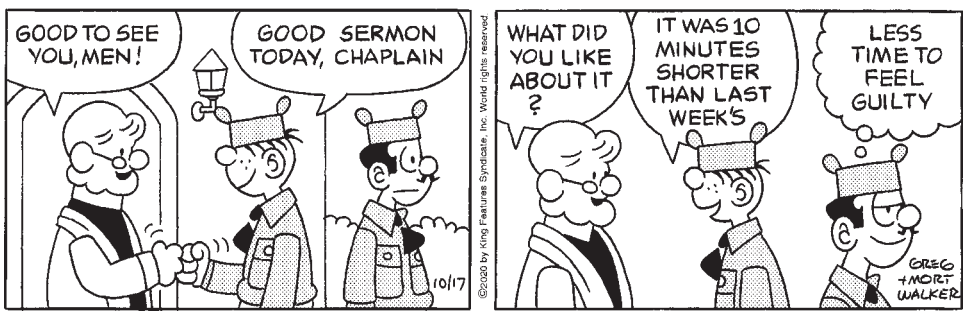
BEETLE BAILEY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GOOD SERMON TODAY, CHAPLAIN
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WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT IT ?
IT WAS 10 MINUTES SHORTER THAN LAST WEEK'S
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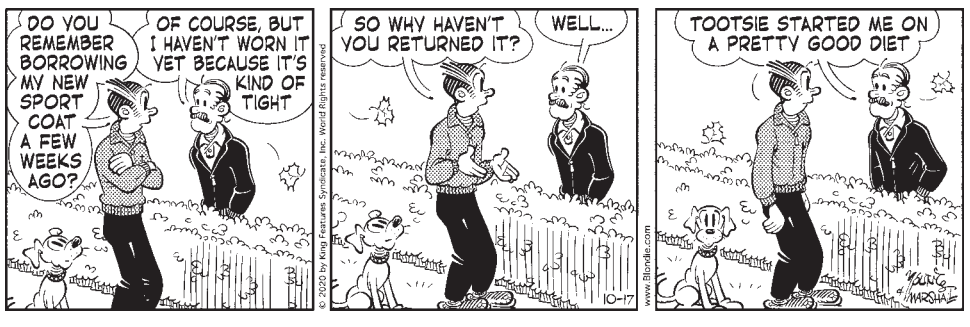
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OF COURSE, BUT I HAVEN'T WORN IT YET BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF TIGHT
SO WHY HAVEN'T YOU RETURNED IT?
WELL...
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TOOTSIE STARTED ME ON A PRETTY GOOD DIET
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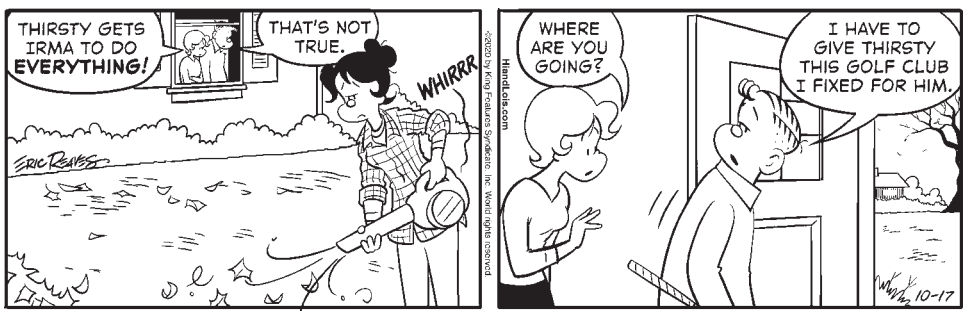
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THAT'S NOT TRUE.
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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
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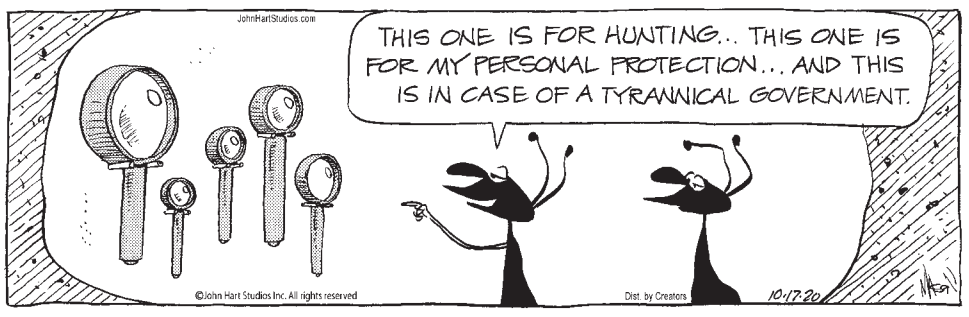
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STOP AND LISTEN... YOU CAN TELL THE QUALITY OF A SWING BY THE SOUND IT MAKES
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THUNK
OOOH... SLICED A LITTLE BUT NOT BAD
TINK @#*$!!
AHH, THE UNMISTAKABLE SOUND OF A SHANK!
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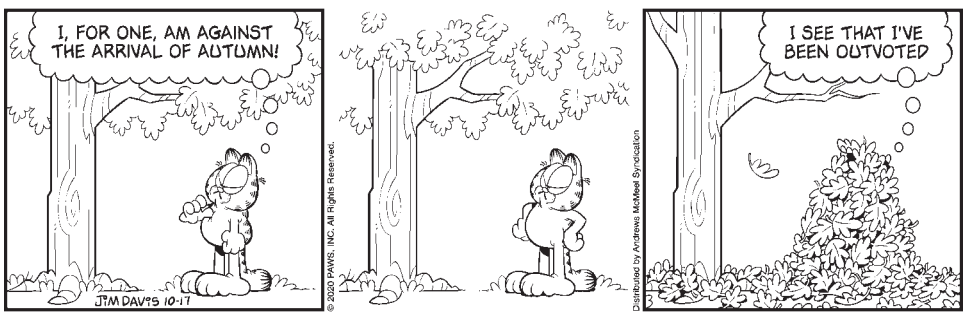
I, FOR ONE, AM AGAINST THE ARRIVAL OF AUTUMN!
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I SEE THAT I'VE BEEN OUTVOTED
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FORT KNOX

MR. BOGGS IS BACK TO NORMAL, MOM!
THAT'S GREAT, HONEY!
SEE? IT ALL WORKED OUT IN THE END.
YEAH, BUT DONALD'S DISAPPOINTED.
WHY WOULD HE BE DISAPPOINTED??
BECAUSE HE'S BUILDING A ZOMBIE ARMY.
I NEED ROADKILL PRONTO!
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RFFFT!
RFFFT!
I SHOULD'VE TRIED SHAVING WITH AERO-SOL WHIPPED CREAM YEARS AGO!
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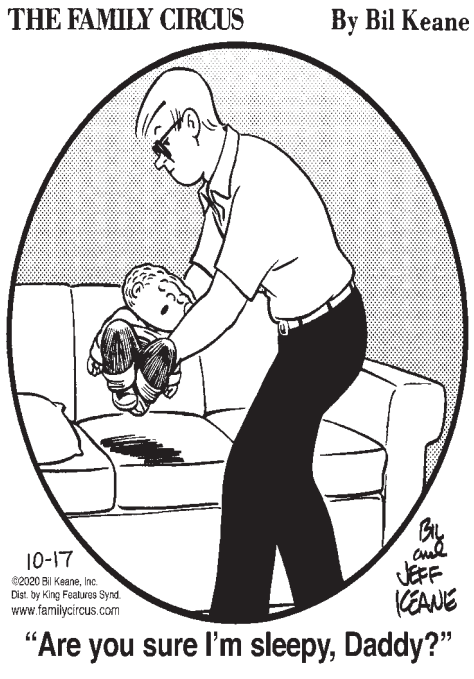

"Are you sure I'm sleepy, Daddy?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"THAT'S A BIG ONE, DAD...BUT I'M NOT SURE IT'S A KEEPER!"

BABY BLUES

OKAY. WHAT'S THAT?
MY HALLOWEEN SAVER.
I JAB A PIECE OF CANDY, THEN HOLD IT OUT THE WINDOW FOR THE TRICK-OR-TREATERS.
THERE'S A NAIL IN THE CANDY, DARRYL.
I'LL SANITIZE IT BETWEEN KIDS.
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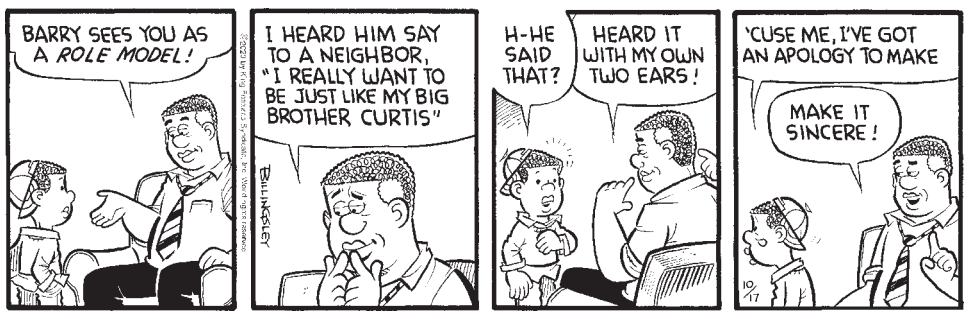
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BALLINGER
H-HE SAID THAT?
HEARD IT WITH MY OWN TWO EARS!
'CUSE ME, I'VE GOT AN APOLOGY TO MAKE
MAKE IT SINCERE!
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ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

GRRR
SMASH
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THAT WAS EXTREME, EVEN FOR YOU, MEAN MAX!
THERE WAS STILL BEER IN YOUR MUG!
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MIKE PETERS
EXCUSE ME, YOU'RE A RAT... COULD YOU DIRECT US TO THE NEAREST SUBWAY?
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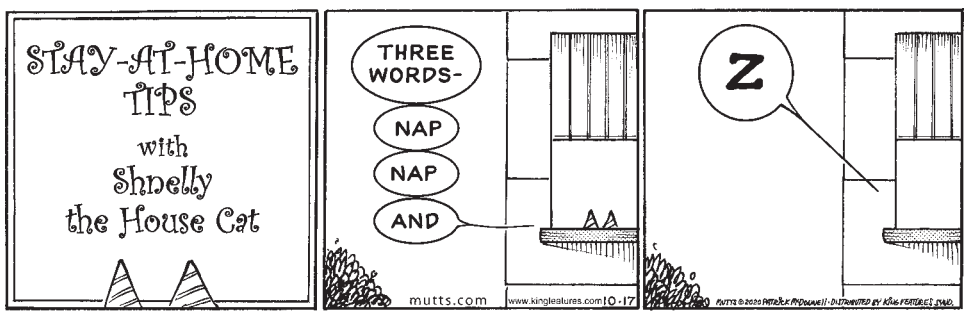

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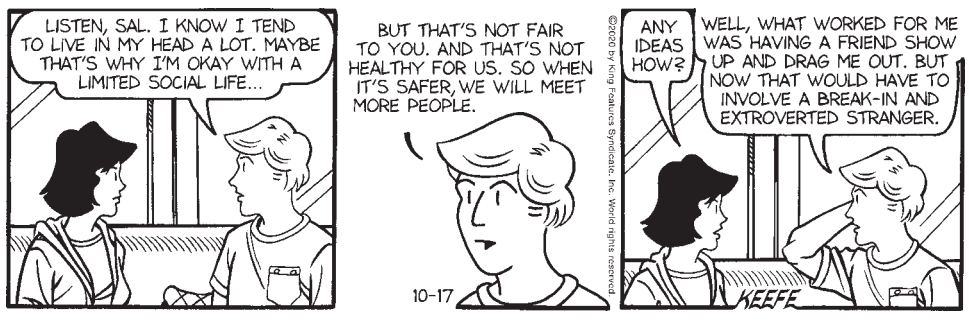
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BUT THAT'S NOT FAIR TO YOU. AND THAT'S NOT HEALTHY FOR US. SO WHEN IT'S SAFER, WE WILL MEET MORE PEOPLE.
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ANY IDEAS HOW?
WELL, WHAT WORKED FOR ME WAS HAVING A FRIEND SHOW UP AND DRAG ME OUT. BUT NOW THAT WOULD HAVE TO INVOLVE A BREAK-IN AND EXTROVERTED STRANGER.
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ABC 7 13 41 57	**College Football** Oklahoma State at Baylor. From McLane Stadium in Waco, Texas. (N) (L)						
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WCIU 26	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**
WHME 46	:00 **Heartland**	**Heartland** The family supports Georgie.		**Murdoch Mysteries** "Mary Wept"		**Murdoch Mysteries** "Crabtree a la Carte"	
WGN 9	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**WGN Weekend News at Nine** (N)	
A&E	:00 **The First 48**	**The First 48** "Monster" CC		**Live Rescue** "Live Rescue -- 10.17.20" (N) CC			
AMC	**Halloween H20**	★★★★ **Halloween** ('78, Horror) Donald Pleasence, Jamie Lee Curtis. CC				**Eli Roth's History of Horror** "Monsters"	
Animal	**Dr. Jeff**	**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		:01 **Mega Zoo** (N)	
BET	6:00 **A Madea Christmas**			★★ **Madea's Family Reunion** ('06)			
Big Ten	**Iowa**	**Penn State**		**Illinois Football**		**Michigan**	
Bravo	★★ **Fast & Furious** ('09, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. CC				★★ **Fast & Furious** ('09) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. CC		
Cartoon	**Gumball**	**Apple**	**Apple**	**Burgers**	**American**	**American**	**Primal**
Cinemax	:00 **Warrior** CC	7:50 ★★ **Safe House** ('12) Denzel Washington. CC			:45 ★★ **The Recruit** ('03) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell. CC		
CMT	**Beverly Hills Cop**	★★ **Beverly Hills Cop II** ('87) Eddie Murphy.					
CNBC	**Boss**	**Undercover**		**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**	
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ESPN	:00 **College Football** North Carolina at Florida State. (N)					**Boxing**	
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Freefrm	:45 ★★ **Hocus Pocus** ('93) Bette Midler. Youths conjure up three child-hungry witches on Halloween.					9:55 ★★ **Halloweentown** ('98)	
FX	★★ **Skyscraper**	★★ **Venom** ('18) Tom Hardy. A man gains superpowers when his body merges with an alien. CC					**Fargo** CC
Golf	**PGA Golf**	**Central**	**Central**	**PGA Golf**			
Hallmark	:00 **Bottled With Love** ('19) Bethany Joy Lenz. CC			**Sweet Autumn** ('20, Romance) Nikki Deloach, Andrew Walker. (P). CC			
HBO	**Ford v Ferrari**	**David Byrne's American Utopia** ('20) David Byrne. CC			:45 ★★★ **The Invisible Man** ('20) Elisabeth Moss. CC		
History	**America**	**The Men Who Built America** CC				**Built America**	
HGTV	**Property**	**Help-Wrecked**		:01 **Hidden Potential**		:01 **Hidden Potential**	
Learning	**Darcey**	**Darcey & Stacey**		**Darcey & Stacey**		**Darcey & Stacey**	
Lifetime	**Dying to Be**	**The Wrong Cheerleader Coach** ('20) Vivica A. Fox, Tara Reid. (P). CC				:03 **Cheer Camp Killer** ('20)	
MSNBC	**Voices**	**Week-Johnson**		**Week-Johnson**		**American Voices**	
MTV	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**
NBCSCH	**Football**	**FIG**			**FIG**		
NFL	6:00 **NFL Football** CC			**NFL Super Stadiums** CC			
Nick	**Loud**	**Unfiltered**	**Group**	**Sponge.**	**Sponge.**	**Friends**	**Friends**
NGEO	**Drugs,**	**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**	
Oxygen	**Dateline: Secrets**	**Dateline: Secrets Uncovered** "Blind justice" CC				**Dateline: Secrets Uncovered** CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★★ **Independence Day** ('96) Will Smith.					**The Dark Knight** ('08)	
Showtime	**The Good Lord Bird**	**The Best of All the Smoke**		★★ **The Gentlemen** ('20) Matthew McConaughey. (P). CC			
Starz	**Amazing Spdr**	**In The Long Run**	:26 ★★ **Along Came Polly** ('04) Ben Stiller. (P).			**The Spanish Princess** "Camelot"	
STZENC	:12 ★★ **Anger Management** ('03) Adam Sandler. CC			★ **That's My Boy** ('12, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg. CC			
SyFy	6:45 ★ **Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween** ('17)			**Tales From the Hood 3** ('20, Horror) Tony Todd, Lynn Whitfield. (P).			
TBS	6:00 ★★★ **Avengers: Infinity War** ('18) CC (DVS)			**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**
TCM	5:45 **Rollerball**	★★★★ **Singin' in the Rain** ('52) Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds. CC (DVS)				★★★ **Summer Stock** ('50) CC	
TMC	:00 ★★ **The Captive** ('14, Suspense) Ryan Reynolds. CC			**Tone-Deaf** ('19) Robert Patrick, Amanda Crew. CC			**The Young Ca**
TNT	**Life**	★★ **Ocean's 8** ('18) Sandra Bullock. CC (DVS)					**Island**
Travel	**Ghost**	**Ghost Nation** CC		**Ghost Nation** (N)		**Ghost Nation** CC	
TV Land	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**
USA	6:10 ★ **Fifty Shades Freed** ('18)	★★ **The Proposal** ('09) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.					
VH1	**I Can Do Bad All By Myself**			★★ **Diary of a Mad Black Woman**			
WGN-A	:00 **Blue Bloods**	**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC	

Late-night smoking clouds neighbors' sweet dreams

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My family and I bought a house in a nice, quiet, safe neighborhood three years ago. What we didn't know prior to moving in was that our next-door neighbor sometimes smokes cigarettes.

It rains eight months out of the year here, and we usually keep our windows closed, so it isn't an issue. But during the summer, we like to sleep with the windows open. When our neighbor steps outside for a cigarette, the smoke drifts into our bedroom.

Our homes are separated by small yards, so at first, I thought they didn't realize that the smoke was bothering us. Eventually I began to get upset. When I wake up in the middle of the night to use the bathroom, I can smell it. I have made a point of loudly slamming the windows shut, hoping it would make them stop. There is no way they don't hear the noise, but it doesn't stop them.

We don't want to have to keep our windows closed, because it is not an everyday occurrence. It happens once a week or so, and always late at night or early in the morning. I don't know if this is how they handle insomnia or what the deal is. Why do they still smoke in this day and age?

There's no landlord to complain to because they own their home. After all these years, we have never introduced ourselves to each other, and I don't believe they care to know us any more than we care to get to know them. Because of this, confronting them is not an option. What do we do? – Hates The Smoke In Oregon

DEAR HATES: Your letter illustrates the disadvantages of isolationism. Had you made a point of introducing yourself when you (or they) moved in, you probably wouldn't have needed to write to me now.

Slamming your window shut is not a friendly or efficient way to communicate because these people are not mind readers. Going next door, introducing yourself, politely explaining that there's a problem and asking if they could smoke on the other side of their house, away from your bedroom window, would be better. If you can't bring yourself to do that, write a letter – keeping the communication civil – and tell them in simple language that you would appreciate their cooperation in solving this problem.

DEAR ABBY: I've been with the same man for 22 years, married for 16. We live in a small town. During the last four or five years, everything has become about politics for my husband. I have absolutely no interest in hearing about what happens politically in big cities – or anywhere, for that matter. How can I get him to stop going on and on about what he reads or hears? So far, I haven't been successful, and we end up arguing. Must I take an interest in it for his sake? Do you see any room for a compromise? – Don't Show Me In Missouri

DEAR DON'T: To some degree, you have to allow your husband to vent. Because we are in an important election year, there is no escaping the subject. If you listen, you may learn something you didn't know that could be relevant to you. Limit the amount of time you spend listening, but I don't recommend cutting him off. I'm willing to bet that you sometimes bring up subjects that may be less than fascinating for him, too. Tolerance and a willingness to compromise are two of the ingredients in a healthy marriage.

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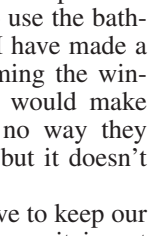
Friend thinks I should be 'over' my grief

Carolyn Hax



DEAR CAROLYN: How do you respond when a very dear and close friend says she thinks you should be "over" your grief at the loss of your brother, who died 11 months ago and for whom you are still deeply grieving (and crying daily)? – Grieving

DEAR GRIEVING: Ugh, I'm sorry. That was a really thoughtless thing for her to say.

Grief is not linear, and you don't get "over" a loved one's permanent absence from your life. You only adjust to it, react less (or differently) to it, learn to live around it, at your own pace.

I hope for your friend's sake that it is merely her ignorance talking, which would suggest (a) she thinks she's being helpful and (b) she's had the good fortune of not having suffered as severe a loss.

If that's the case, then you can explain to her – kindly, calmly, when you feel ready – that correcting someone in mourning is not helpful. To the best of your ability, explain why.

It could also be that your friend sees your struggle, suspects you're "stuck" and thinks you might benefit from grief support or therapy – and just didn't have the language handy to say that. That would make it a thoughtful concern unhelpfully phrased.

Even though grief does have its own timetable and there's no "should" to it, it does happen sometimes that people aren't able to progress in their healing without a little help.

FROM READERS:

■ Eleven months?! That's nothing in terms of the grief timetable, in my opinion. Has Grieving considered explaining to her friend there is no closure or "getting over" a death? Some people really do not know this.

That even though things do get better over time, you carry that sadness with you always, just compartmentalized so life can go on. And sometimes all it takes is something small to transport you back to that grief temporarily.

If someone doesn't have experience with death, then they often don't know. I learned this after losing a sibling a decade ago. And my condolences.

■ I hit an a-ha moment a day after the anniversary of my brother's death. I used to believe my grief would be like a switch and one day it would flip and I would be OK again, and my therapist made a point that maybe my friends view grief like this, too.

Maybe they see me struggling and believe we'll stumble on something that will flip the grief switch off. Obviously, grief doesn't work like that. She and I came up with a strategy to say, "I really miss my brother today, and I need you to be OK with me not being OK today."

It has helped me give them the message that I need to be sad and I don't want someone trying to make it better. Sorry for your loss.

■ My sister died six years ago – I still get teary whenever I think about her. I do hope that one day I'll be able to just talk about her without getting teary (as I am now, just typing this), but I don't feel like I need to move any more or less quickly.

Dear Readers: Me again. Thank you to all of you who have carried this awful burden, for stepping forward to help Grieving carry theirs.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 "Fernando" band
5 Bing's road partner
8 Noisy birds
12 Plant anchor
13 Bikini top
14 Yikes! (hyph.)
15 Arrest
16 Panoramic (hyph.)
18 It runs on runners
20 Conquistador's quest
21 Extinct bird
22 Well-stocked
25 Chatty alien
28 Grey or McCrea
29 Marathon
33 Rum drink (2 wds.)
35 Lions' quarry
36 Wait awhile
37 Steak orders (hyph.)
39 Crude metals
40 Roof edge
42 Flight dir.
43 Navigator's aid
46 Dawn goddess
49 Have the flu
50 Greenhorn
53 Spherical
56 "Quo Vadis" co-star
58 Paste
59 That, to Juanita
60 Auction site
61 Kind of lock
62 Sault — Marie
63 Garage event

DOWN
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2 Pythons
3 Amount due
4 Modify
5 Consumer org.
6 Black-and-yellow bird
7 Speed along
8 Roast beef au —
9 Excuse me!
10 Fluctuate (hyph.)
11 Mets' former ballpark
17 Wee circle
19 — vu
23 Luau fare
24 Syllogism word
25 Lectern
26 Refuge
27 Bona — (genuine)
30 Ms. Bancroft of films
31 Pool hall items
32 To be, to Brutus
34 Hardy's lass
37 Water-power org.
38 Flair
40 Banishes
41 Finally (2 wds.)
44 Water, in Cannes
45 Youngsters
46 Like breakfast dishes
47 Earthen jar
48 Inner core
51 "Fancy" singer
52 Aloud
54 Flower visitor
55 — Dawn Chong
57 Deli loaf

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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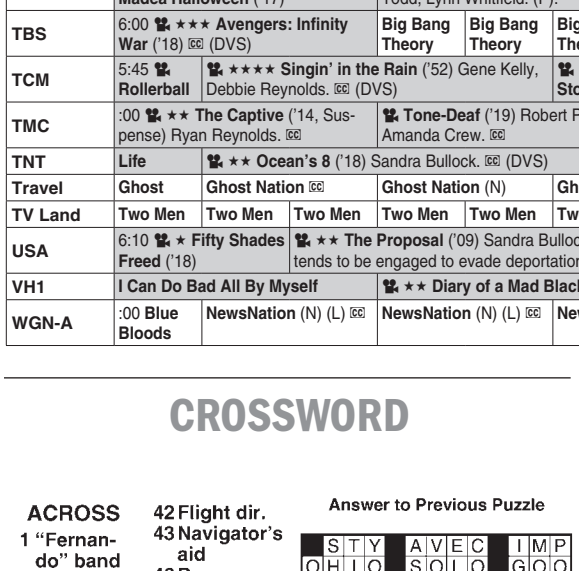

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SERTC

CKNKA

NOREDY

TORESE

With our successful launches, we are expanding our business.
AFTER SO MANY SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHES, SPACEX REVENUE WAS BEGINNING TO ---
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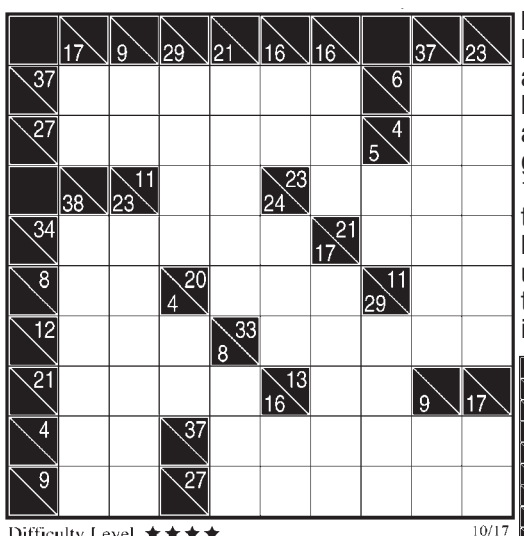
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: _____

(Answers Monday)

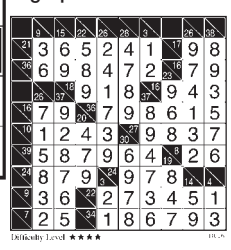
Yesterday's Jumbles: FABLE OFFER VACUUM SHRUNK
Answer: The town's landfill was over capacity and beginning to — "REEK" HAVOC

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/17

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

John Byrom, an English poet who coined the phrase Tweedledum and Tweedledee (in connection with what?), wrote, "The point is plain as a pike-staff."

In today's deal, the points pointed plainly to the best play for both sides – how?

Against five diamonds, West led the heart nine. East overtook with his 10 and cashed the heart ace. What happened next?

In the auction, South's jump to three diamonds promised 9-11 points. North cue-bid three hearts in the hope that his partner could bid three no-trump with a heart stopper. When South could not, North went for game in the minor.

Suppose East shifts to a club at trick three. Declarer must find the diamond queen to make his contract. Whenever you buy the contract after an opponent opened the bidding, always count the high-card points. The dummy has 18 and declarer 10. That leaves only 12 for the opponents, but East opened the bidding; he must have the diamond queen. South plays a diamond to the king, then runs the diamond jack through East.

Now let East count the points. There are 18 on the board, and he has 12. That leaves only 10 for West and South. So, West has at most the useless club jack. But there is one chance. At trick three, East should lead the heart three. When West ruffs with the diamond three, declarer must overruff with dummy's 10, and now East gains a trump trick. It is a knockout uppercut.

Byrom was discussing the relative merits of composers George Handel and Giovanni Bononcini.

North 10-17-20
♠ A K 7 4
♥ J 6
♦ K J 10 2
♣ A Q 5

West
♠ 10 9 6 3 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 3
♣ 10 8 7 4 3

East
♠ J 5
♥ A K Q 10 3
♦ Q 9 8
♣ 9 6 2

South
♠ Q 8
♥ 8 7 5 4
♦ A 7 6 5 4
♣ K J

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	1	8	3	4	9	7	5	6
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8	9	4	6	2	7	5	3	1
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From protest to progress

Kenneth E. Robinson
Insights

The events of the last several months are well known – as they concern the COVID-19 pandemic and the pandemic of racism in our country.

Since I'm not a medical professional, I won't write about COVID-19, other than to say please wear your mask in public, wash/sanitize your hands and practice social distancing, but I will talk about our other pandemic.

Of note are George Floyd's death at the hands of police after pleading "I can't breathe," and the death of Breonna Taylor, who was killed when police executed a no-knock search warrant and entered her home. (It should be noted that when Breonna and her boyfriend were awakened by the commotion at their door, the boyfriend fired a shot at the door from his legally owned firearm.) The police burst through their door, firing in the dark, hitting and killing Taylor.

Everyday, anyone on social media can see recordings of unwarranted police brutality.

These events have ignited the Black Lives Matter movement, which brings light to the fact that, statistically, African Americans are proportionately more likely to experience police brutality, in some cases leading to death.

This is not to say all police are bad or blue lives don't matter. I served in the U.S. Army for 26 years, don't green lives matter, too?

The difference is blue and green are the colors of the uniform whereas black and brown are the colors of our skin. You can change your uniform, but we can't change our skin color. There's a difference.

Unfortunately, both pandemics seem to be spiraling out of control with no real end in sight. Just briefly, I want to share with you why we who are religious and spiritual can no longer act timidly when the topic of racism comes up.

First, we must acknowledge that there's an underlying current directed at people of color that, for some reason, continues to raise its ugly head no matter how long we protest or how far we march.

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines racism as a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race.

Let me be clear, in my opinion it's OK for different ethnic groups or nationalities to show pride in their heritage. It's when that pride mutates into thinking you're superior and then that, in turn, mutates into hatred because you believe you are better simply because your skin color is different, that's when your thinking has become racist and dangerous.

Scripturally speaking, this goes against the teachings of most major religions. The five major religious traditions – Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism – all teach love and respect for our fellow humans on some level.

In John 13:34-35, Jesus said, "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples – when they see the love you have for each other."

The Apostle John's entire first epistle seems to deal with the idea that loving your brother regardless of cultural or ethic differences is essential to seeing God.

As an example, 1 John 2:9-11 says, "He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."

My friends, the Bible teaches that God is love. On the opposite end of the spectrum is hate. Hate is not of God.

1 John 4:20 says, "Whomever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."

Therefore, it is important for us to understand that this is more than a problem in our communities. This is spiritual warfare. The more divided we are, the easier it is for our common enemy to infiltrate and wreak havoc in our communities and country.

People of color are not our enemy. African Americans and other people of color shouldn't be considered weapons just because their skin tone is brown.

If we are to move from protest to progress, then let us take our example from the pages of history and begin the way Buddha, Muhammad, Jesus, Moses, Confucius, Dr. King, Ghandi and other religious leaders would have suggested, and that is to start with love, honor and respect for our fellow humans.

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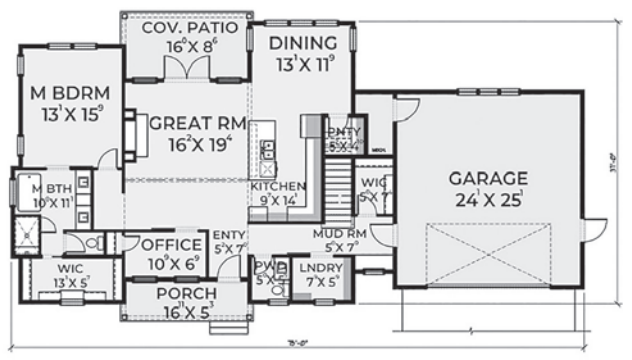

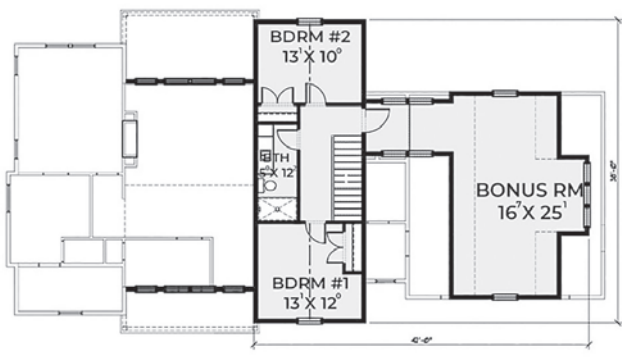

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Stacy Loar-Porter
Lincoln Charter
Township Clerk

Request for Proposals

Joint Board Attorney

The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant (Joint Plant) is seeking proposals to provide legal services relating to the operation and management of the facility and organization and serve as Joint Board Attorney. Governance of the Joint Plant is vested in the Joint Board of Commissioners. The Joint Plant serves a population of about 58,000 in its service area. The Joint Plant provides wastewater treatment services to the Cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Benton Township and the Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority. All proposals are due on or before November 4, 2020. If interested in responding to this Request for Proposal (RFP), contact Timothy Lynch, Plant Manager at tlynch@qtm.net or 269-983-7719.

Request for Proposals – Snow Plowing
The Township of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan, is requesting proposals for Winter 2020/2021 Snowplowing for Hartford Township Hall & Maple Hill Cemetery. Copies of the RFP may be found at www.hartfordtownship.org or by contacting the Hartford Township Clerk.
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To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov/human_resources. Deadline for application is Nov 13. EOE

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Village of Galien

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NOTICE

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020, NOON, DURING THE DDA MEETING

According to the Tax Increment Financing Act – Act 57 of 2018, semi-annually beginning January 1, 2019:

Authorities must hold two "informational meetings" for the purpose of informing the public of the goals and direction of the authority, including projects to be undertaken in the coming year. The meetings are not for the purpose of voting on policy, budgets or other operational matters.
Reference PA 57, Sec. 910

The informational meetings may be held in conjunction with other public meetings of the authority or municipality.

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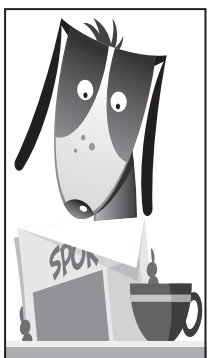
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5 Lose one's way at the podium
11 Wild guess
15 Eastern "way"
18 Valley with vines
19 Court
20 Cry out loud
21 "__ Luna": Allende novel
22 "You Make Me Feel Like Dancing" singer Leo
23 Wrecked Mitsubishi SUVs?
26 End-of-page abbr.
27 1998 animated bug film
29 "And how!"
30 Eponymous lab dish inventor
31 Iconic '60s-'70s TV caretaker
33 Skein formers
35 Response to "Shall we?"
36 Followed Chevy SUVs?
41 Worn
43 Made
44 Inflexible
45 Indian term of respect
46 Modern office staples
49 Foundry waste
50 Kept adding to, as a tab
51 Choice for the kitchen
54 Thrust
57 Like-minded group
58 Greenwich who co-wrote songs for the Ronettes and Crystals
59 Tar
62 Head cases?
64 Tricks
65 Fraternity letter
66 Found spots for Ford pickups?
71 Tiny songbird
72 Eject
74 Simple to manage
75 Pepper named for a state
77 "What the Butler Saw" playwright
79 The "E" in Q.E.D.
80 Indian spice mixtures
83 "The Dirty Dozen" star
85 Comic strip frame
86 José's home
90 Put the kibosh on
91 Sock part
92 Poker Flat creator
93 Seals' singing partner
95 Building for tools
97 Selected classic VWs at an online auction?
100 Partnership for Peace gp.
102 Leftovers wrap
104 Crossword solver's smudge
105 Something in the air
107 Tenant
110 Series finale: Abbr.
111 Youngster
112 Pointed the way for Subaru SUVs?
115 They cast no votes
117 Dr. Seuss' Sam-__
118 Former slugger Martinez
119 Weapons cache
120 Wasn't straight
121 Pack critter
122 Getaway spots
123 Fannies
124 Listening devices

DOWN

1 Note in an E scale
2 Parting word
3 Wild way to go
4 Good Samaritan story, say
5 Betrayed, with "on"
6 Familiar gamut
7 1980s Peppard co-star
8 Partiality
9 Whopper
10 Broke the surface
11 Borg and Bergman
12 Snacks in shells
13 Afflict
14 Minor disruption
15 Took Honda SUVs for demo drives?
16 Ward off
17 Spring locale
22 Sudden outbursts
24 Bucks in the woods
25 Soccer immortal
28 Obligation
32 Slight touches
34 Multinational money
37 White rice's lack
38 "The Mod Squad" cop with an Afro
39 Feverish feeling
40 Energy
42 Bring into being
45 Like some norms or ills
47 Medical center
48 Takes care of
50 Work with a hunter, perhaps
51 Spanish dessert
52 Yearn
53 Coddling for a comrade, briefly
55 Weaken
56 Picnic staple
57 Product of Bali
59 "Lawrence of Arabia" star Peter
60 MLB Network sportscaster __ Shehadi
61 Cleaned the interiors of Geo compacts?
62 Weep
63 Decimated Asian sea
67 "The Americans" co-star Russell
68 Pizzazz
69 Banned pesticide
70 Govt. org. that aids entrepreneurs
73 Barnyard male
76 Fancy ties
78 Rapper cousin of Snoop
80 Target
81 Required pot contribution
82 Start of an idea
84 Fishing gear
85 Super __
87 Quivering
88 Focus of a 1990s-2000s baseball "era"
89 Stocks and such
92 Implies
93 Michael of "Arrested Development"
94 Naturally carbonated brew
96 Main Web page
97 Doctrines
98 Young Clark's love
99 Ross and DeVos
100 Gymnast Comaneci
101 Opera solos
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106 Takes steps
108 Linen hue
109 Radiation measures
110 To be, in Tours
113 "Let me give you a __ ... "
114 Japanese drama
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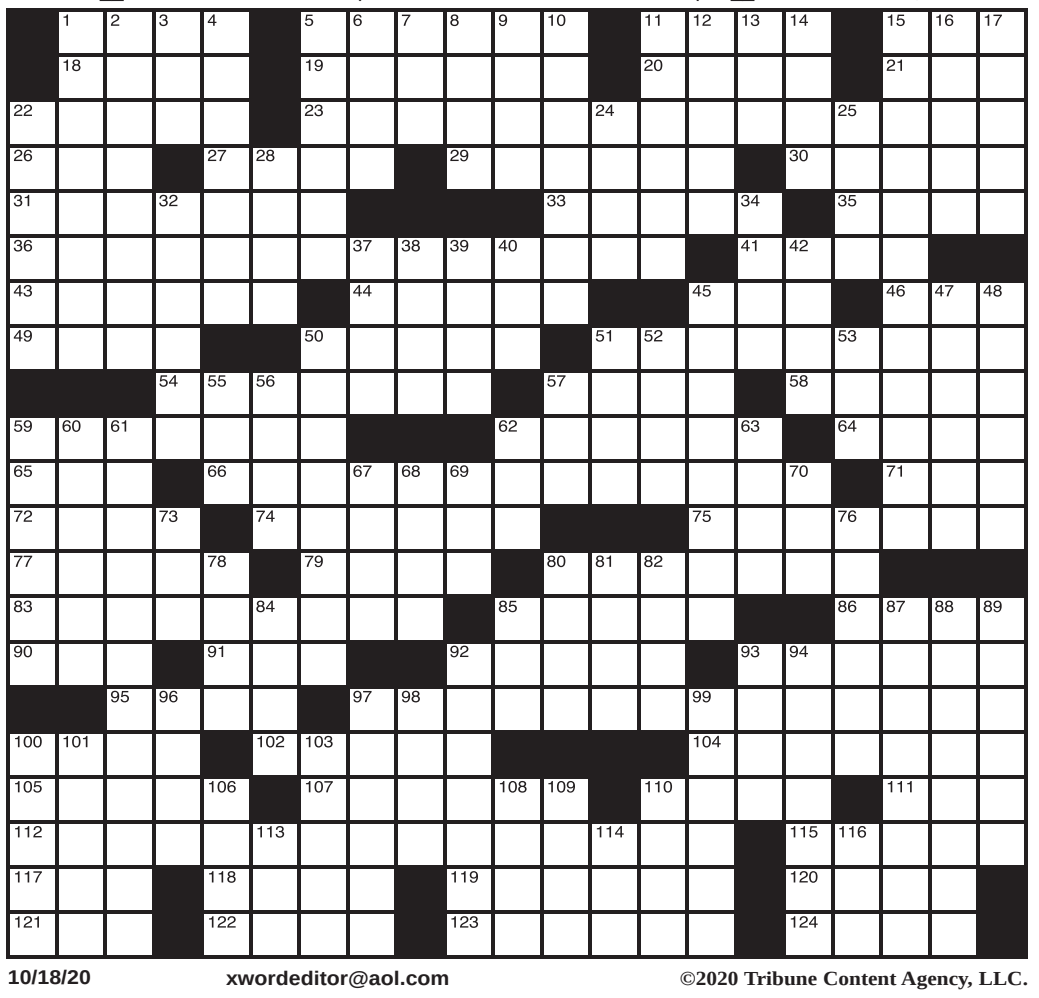

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By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Let go of what's not working for you in preparation for upcoming opportunities. You are heading into a transition period that will be enlightening mentally and emotionally. Trust and believe in yourself, and good things will come your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take a secretive approach to getting things done. Don't let someone intervene and throw your plans into disarray. Collect your thoughts, pay attention to detail and proceed quietly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Stop making excuses and follow through with your plans. Wasting time now will lead to setbacks later. An emotional incident will have a big impact. Take a chance and make a move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Stick close to home and rethink how you want to do things. Refuse to let someone from your past meddle in your affairs. Fix up your space to accommodate your needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) How you handle others will determine how much help you receive. Criticism and complaints will not help, while incentives and encouragement will. Make romantic plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be leery of offers from demanding people or a pushy salesperson. Go directly to the source to find out what's what. A proposal will not be as favorable as someone wants you to believe.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can make a difference if you pitch in and help. Your insight, experience and understanding will inspire others. You'll receive information that can help your financial situation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful how you handle situations that can affect your reputation, position or status. A reserved approach will keep you out of trouble. Use intelligence and facts to encourage others to make better decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've got the right idea, so don't hesitate. An outgoing approach will help you win the support you need. Changes at home or to the way you work will be beneficial.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Back away from questionable situations. Someone will take advantage of you if you buy into their plans. Play it safe, follow the rules and do your best to stay healthy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do what comes naturally and avoid getting involved in other people's plans. You'll come up with a great idea that will improve your life and an important relationship. Romance is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't lose sight of your goals, regardless of what others do. Channel your energy into preparation. If you challenge yourself, you will make gains that exceed your expectations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Learning something new will change your life. Personal growth, enlightenment and passion will encourage better relationships with the people who mean the most to you.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Dig deep and question everything and everyone. Gather facts and consider your objectives in order to find the best way to move forward with your plans. Set goals and put your effort into personal gains and meaningful relationships. Pay attention to detail and be prepared.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Plan a quiet day, free from adversity and disruptive people. Don't let uncertainty create an unsavory atmosphere. Rise above, be positive and do what brings you peace of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An unusual opportunity will come your way. Ask questions to figure out a way to take advantage of an offer. Spending more time doing something you love is encouraged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your emotions hidden from someone who is prying into your affairs. The less information you share with others, the easier it will be to get things done. A physical challenge will be stimulating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make home improvements that will help you save time and money. A problem with a friend or relative will escalate if you let it. Romance is favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Refuse to let what others do or say bother you. A pending financial, legal or health matter will leave you feeling anxious. Stay calm and look for practical solutions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do what you can to help others. Volunteer your services, but be reluctant to make a cash donation or pay for someone else's mistake. Romance is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make the most of your day. Steer clear of situations that will lead to trouble. Put the past in its place and focus on future possibilities. Keep a loved one in the loop.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Embrace change. Look for opportunities and make peace with a loved one. Use your connections to further your interests. Romance is favored.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Refuse to let anyone talk you into something sketchy. Protect your reputation and status by not sharing personal information. Honesty and integrity will be necessary to avoid an unsavory situation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Teaming up with someone will test your patience. Set ground rules before you get involved in a joint venture. Don't give away your ideas prematurely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A change at home may not be to your liking. Don't fight the inevitable. Look for an alternative that will encourage new beginnings. A physical challenge will help you blow off steam.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Say what's on your mind and find out where you stand. Taking control of a situation will help you resolve unfinished business. Once you've established your position, you can enjoy quality time with a loved one.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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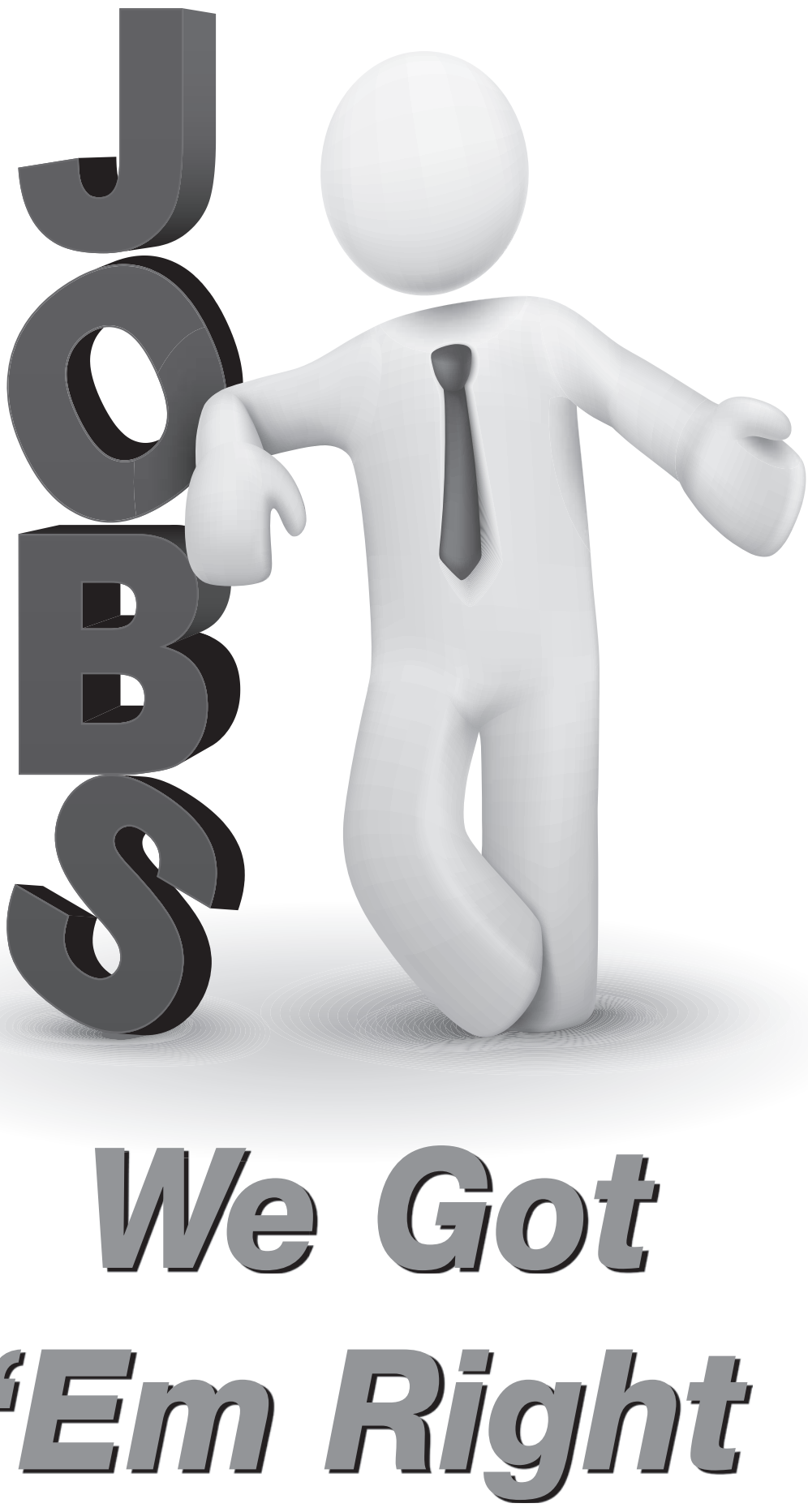

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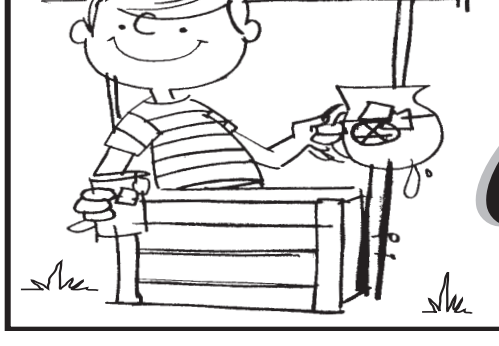

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ICONIC SILVER, 8 FOOT BED, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, PLATFORM RUNNING BOARDS, LOCKING REAR AXLE, FORD PASS CONNECT, CLOTH SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! F20204

MSRP	$37,810
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,564
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,000
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- 750

SALE PRICE* $31,996

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KAPOOR RED, 10 PASSENGER SEATING, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, NAVIGATION, FORGED ALUMINUM WHEELS, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, REMOTE START, RUNNING BOARDS, PRIVACY GLASS AND MUCH MORE! F20061

MSRP	$52,550
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,555
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD SPECIAL PACKAGE RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $46,245

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4

VELOCITY BLUE, SPORT APPEARANCE PACKAGE, LED BOX LIGHTING, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, 2.7 V6 ECOBOOST ENGINE, NAVIGATION, TRAILER HITCH, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! F20202

MSRP	$50,105
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,110
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 3,250
FORD SELECT INVENTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500

SALE PRICE* $41,495

2020 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB 4X4 STX

AGATE BLACK, 6.2 V8 ENGINE, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, PRIVACY GLASS, REMOTE START, ROOF CLEARANCE LIGHTS, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, PLATFORM RUNNING BOARDS, SNOW PLOW PREP PACKAGE, AND MUCH MORE! F20368

MSRP	$45,485
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,785
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD SPECIAL PACKAGE CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $42,200

2020 FORD RANGER 4X4 CREW CAB

MAGNETIC, 2.3 ECOBOOST ENGINE, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, SYNC, CARPETING, REAR VIEW CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! F20396

MSRP	$33,810
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 815
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,750

SALE PRICE* $31,245

2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW 4X4 STX

ICONIC SILVER, SPORT APPEARANCE PACKAGE, SYNC 3, 20 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, SATELLITE RADIO, PLATFORM RUNNING BOARDS, 2.7 V6 ECOBOOST ENGINE, PRIVACY GLASS, FOG LAMPS AND MUCH MORE! F20427

MSRP	$45,330
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,835
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,000
FORD SPECIAL PACKAGE RETAIL CASH	- 1,000
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500

SALE PRICE* $38,995

2020 FORD F-550 4X4 DUMP TRUCK

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MSRP	$57,720
ADD FOR VOTH DUMP BODY	+18,129
SUBTOTAL	$75,849
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,854
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD COMMERCIAL CONNECTION UPFIT CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $70,495

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LEASE FOR $189/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,300 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/20

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE PLUS 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK, 3.2 V-6 ENGINE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, BACK-UP CAMERA, LEATHER SEATS, AND MUCH MORE! C20266

LEASE FOR $229/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,250 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/2020

2021 JEEP COMPASS 80TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EDITION 4X4

LASER BLUE PEARL, NAVIGATION, LEATHER SEATS, 19 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C21011

LEASE FOR $219/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,150 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/2020

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MSRP	$49,280
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,285
REBATE	- 2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
RAM BONUS CASH COUPONS	- 750
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,000
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
POWER DAYS RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,000
SELECT INVENTORY BONUS CASH	- 500
REGIONAL BONUS CASH	- 750
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$37,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $36,495

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2020 RAM PROMASTER CITY CARGO VAN

BRIGHT WHITE, CARGO PARTITION, SPEED CONTROL, FULL SIZE SPARE TIRE, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, INTEGRATED VOICE COMMAND WITH BLUETOOTH, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20274

MSRP	$27,070
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,075
REBATE	- 1,500
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT *	- 500
PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 750
COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$22,245
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $21,245

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 LARAMIE

GRANITE CRYSTAL, 5.7 V8 HEMI E-TORQUE ENGINE, 22 INCH POLISHED PAINTED ALUMINUM WHEELS, SPORT APPEARANCE PACKAGE, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, LEATHER SEATS, NAVIGATION, SPORT PERFORMANCE HOOD, 19 SPEAKER HARMAN KARDON SPEAKER SYSTEM, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20251

MSRP	$60,055
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,060
REBATE	- 1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
RAM BONUS CASH COUPON	- 250
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,500
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
REGIONAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$50,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $49,995

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2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED X 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, 20 INCH WHEELS, BI-XENON HID HEADLAMPS, SPORT HOOD, NAVIGATION, POWER SUN ROOF, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! C20307

MSRP	$48,790
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,795
REBATE	- 2,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
GREAT LAKES TARGETED SUV CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$41,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $40,745

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2020 RAM 2500 4X4

BRIGHT WHITE, 6.4 V8 ENGINE, SNOW CHIEF GROUP, CHROME TUBULAR SIDE STEPS, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20258

MSRP	$42,915
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,420
HEAVY DUTY CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 250
RAM HEAVY DUTY ENGINE BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$39,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $38,745

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Was $24,500 NOW $22,713

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20174

NOW $31,951

2015 CHEVY IMPALA LT

3.6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 144K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue C20218A

NOW $12,920

2014 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Black U20176

NOW $31,749

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20181

NOW $31,228

2019 FORD TRANSIT 350 XLT 15 PASSENGER VAN

3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Preferred Equipment Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Oxford White U20112A

Was $32,729 NOW $31,946

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Black Shadow U20117

Was $18,899 NOW $16,913

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black Diamond U20180

NOW $33,520

2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING-L PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 51K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, DVD Entertainment Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Tusk White C20212A

Was $26,811 NOW $24,500

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Too Good To Be Blue U20171

NOW $22,555

2013 NISSAN JUKE SL AWD

1.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 80K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Temp Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue F20209B

Was $11,373 NOW $10,298

2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Turbo Diesel Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 9K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Trailer Tow Monitor, Trailer Back Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C20246A

NOW $54,990

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 11K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Pedals, Blind Spot Information System, Trailer Tow Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magma Red F20218A

NOW $40,966

2018 HONDA CR-V EXL AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal Black C20197A

Was $26,182 NOW $24,235

2014 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 84K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black F19385B

Now $31,499

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 43K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, U19086

Was $20,845 NOW $19,799

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue, F20285A

Was $23,810 NOW $21,960

2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! White U20165

Was $21,851 NOW $20,550

2014 CHEVY CRUZE LTZ RS

1.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 104K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black, C19234B

NOW $9,953

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Tech Gray Aluminum Wheels, 50K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20178

NOW $32,380

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, SYNC, Power Leather Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20163

Was $19,996 NOW $18,872

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 12K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20143

Was $23,928 NOW $21,829

2017 FORD FUSION V6 SPORT AWD

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Sport Upgrade Package, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Aluminum Sport Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C19274B

Was $23,675 NOW $21,976

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Chrome Step Bars, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans F20370A

NOW $35,075

2017 FORD F-550 XL SUPER DUTY 4X4

6.7 V8 DIESEL Power Stroke EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Less Than 6K Miles! Flatbed with Hoist! Running Boards, Snow Plow Package, SYNC, CD-Player, Vinyl Floor Covering, Ford Certified! Oxford White U20184

NOW $49,912

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle S20013

Was $20,500 NOW $19,995

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 V6 EFI Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 39K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Reverse Sensing System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20186

NOW $34,618

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 16K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seats, Leather Suede Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red C20242A

Was $33,229 NOW $31,803

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic with Tow Mode, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, FX4 Off-Road Package, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20158

Was $39,595 Now $38,152

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Stow 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

Was $20,995 NOW $20,495

2018 MERCEDES GLC 300 4MATIC AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heat Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Obsidian Black M20083A

NOW $33,995

2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20187

NOW $22,203

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Sport Appearance Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, SYNC 3, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20155

Was $21,719 NOW $19,330

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluginum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Smoked Quartz, U20147

Was $30,989 NOW $30,471

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Aluminum Wheels, 34K Wheels, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20172

NOW $20,884

2013 TOYOTA PRIUS C HYBRID HATCHBACK

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Styled Wheel Covers, 107K Miles, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue

NOW $9,994

2019 MAZDA 3 PREFERRED HATCHBACK AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, Only 6K Miles! Preferred Package, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Pre-Owned Certified! Machine Gray S20016

WAS $23,500 NOW $22,995

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Cloth and Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Platinum Graphite F20289A

Was $21,994 NOW $20,867

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Fold Rear Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20133

Was $25,049 NOW $22,846

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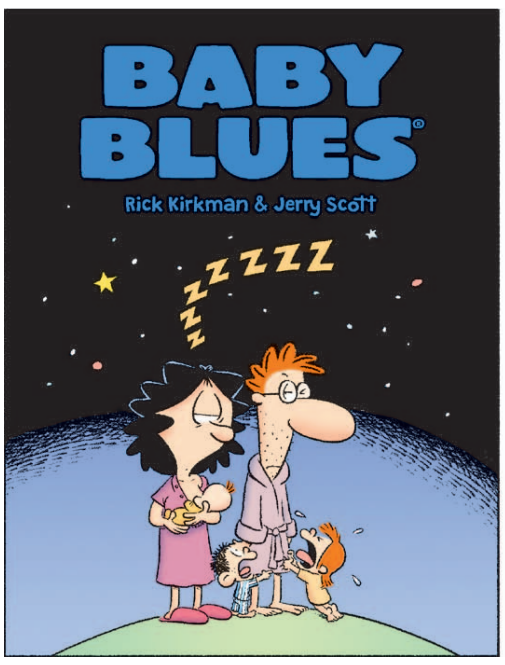

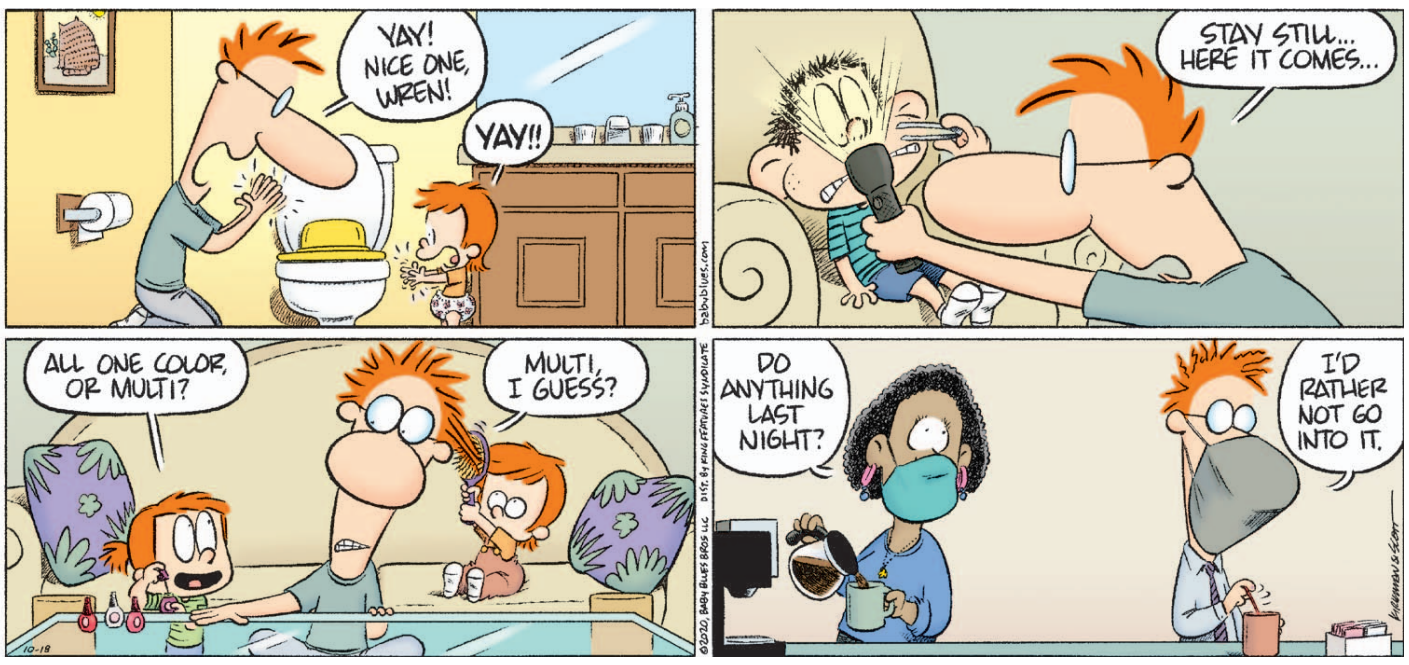

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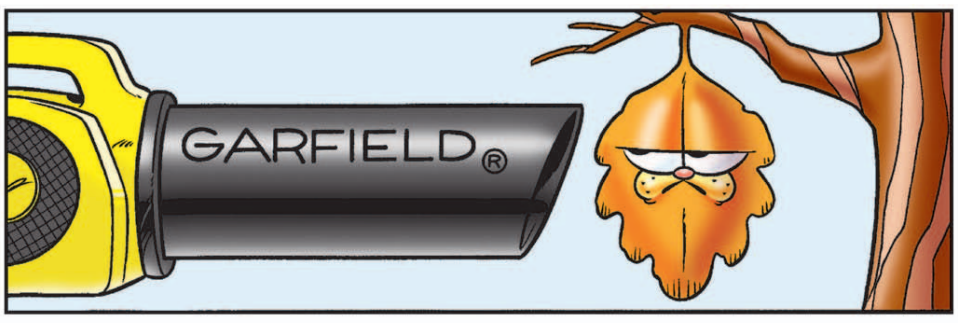

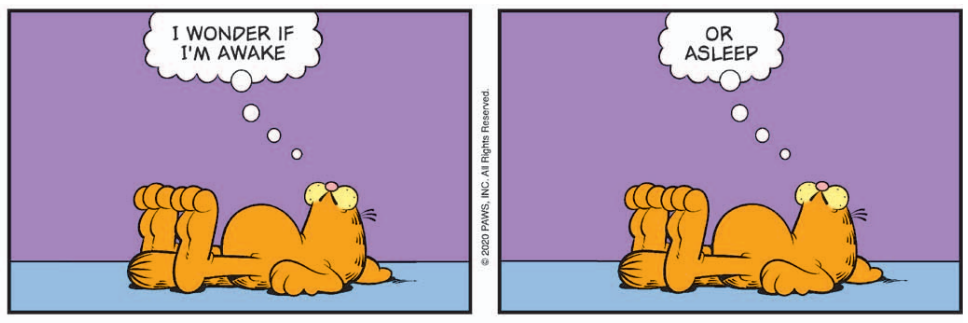

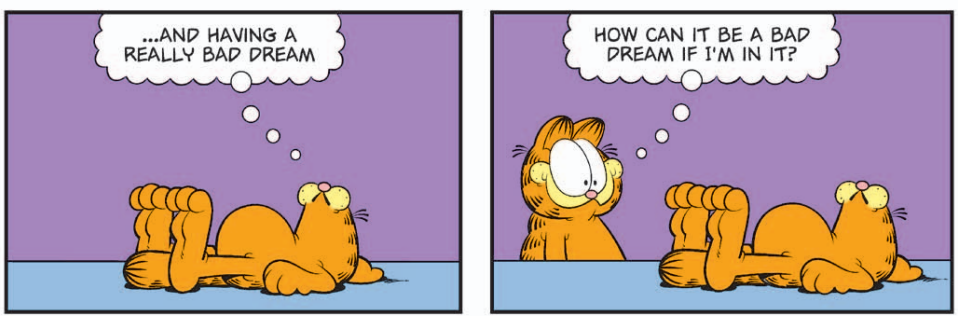

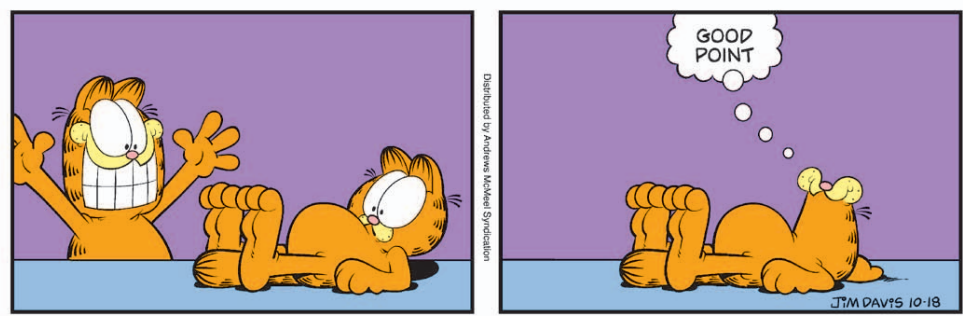

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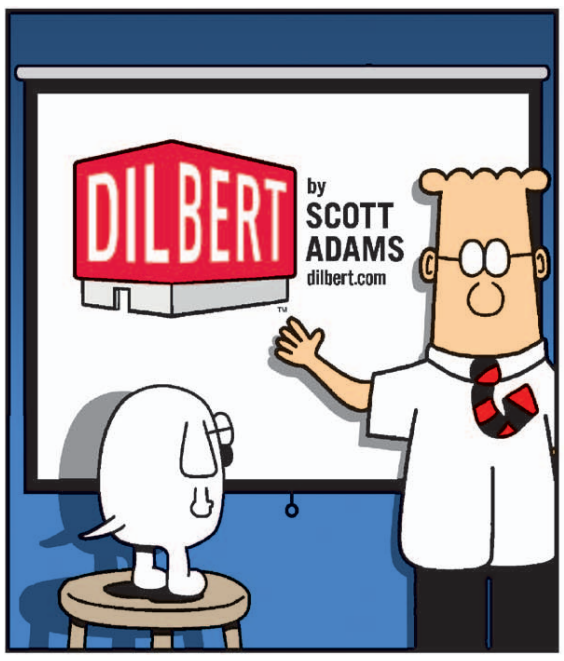

HOW LONG SHOULD I WAIT BEFORE RESPONDING TO A TEXT MESSAGE FROM MY BOSS?
THAT DEPENDS. ARE YOU ALREADY OVERWORKED?
UM, SURE.
DO YOU NEED TO TEACH HIM A LESSON FOR ANY UNRELATED THINGS HE DID?
ALWAYS.
DO YOU DISLIKE HIM IN GENERAL?
YES.
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LASTLY, HOW MANY MONTHS UNTIL YOUR NEXT PERFORMANCE REVIEW?
SEVEN.
OKAY... PUTTING THOSE INPUTS INTO MY SPREADSHEET.
YOU CAN WAIT 27 MINUTES BEFORE RESPOND-ING.
OH. I WAS HOPING IT WOULD BE CLOSER TO FIVE DAYS.
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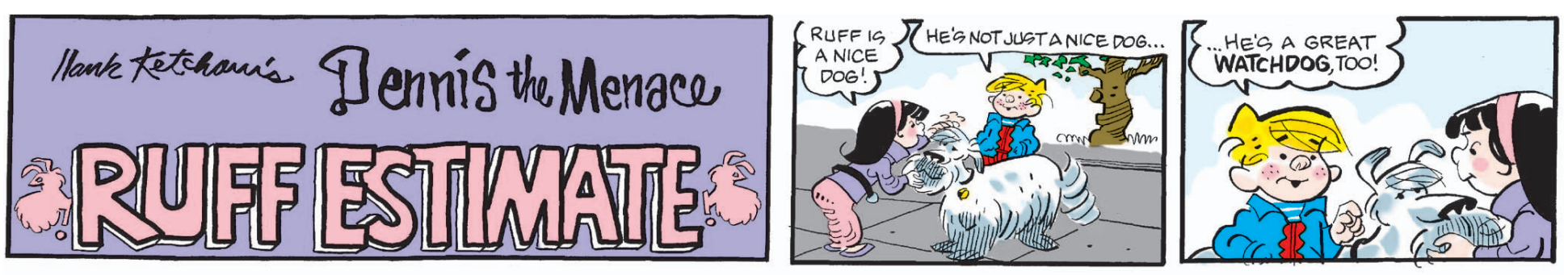
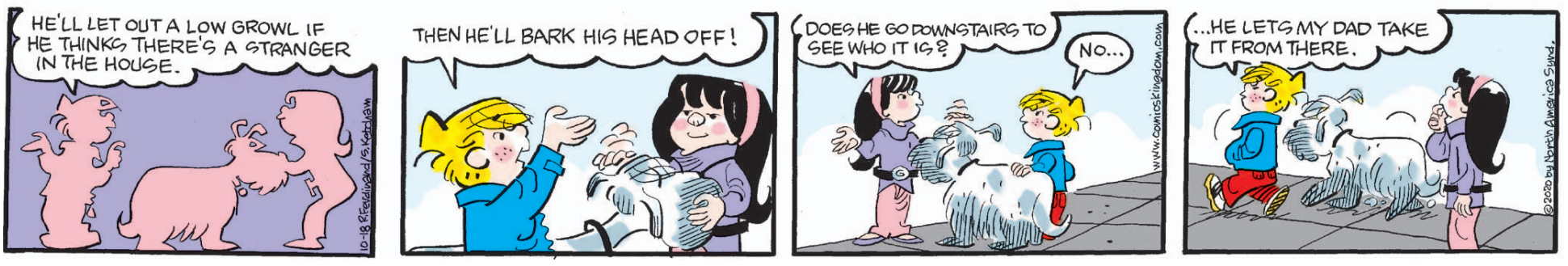
WHEN DID HE TEXT YOU?
I BELIEVE IT WAS AUGUST.

Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace

RUFF ESTIMATE




HE'LL LET OUT A LOW GROWL IF HE THINKS THERE'S A STRANGER IN THE HOUSE.
10-18 R.Ketcham/S.Ketcham
THEN HE'LL BARK HIS HEAD OFF!
DOES HE GO DOWNSTAIRS TO SEE WHO IT IS?
NO...
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...HE LETS MY DAD TAKE IT FROM THERE.
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The Adventures of SUPERCAPTAINCOOLMAN

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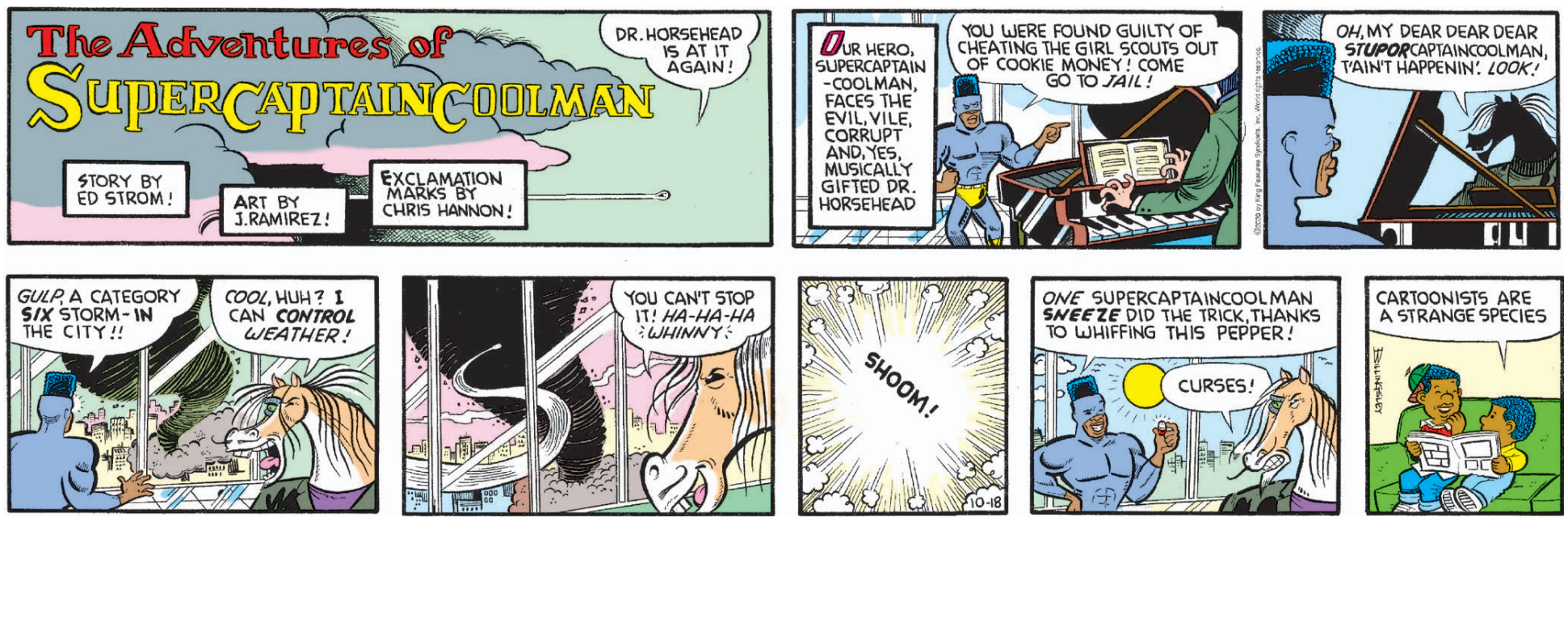
DR. HORSEHEAD IS AT IT AGAIN!
OUR HERO, SUPERCAPTAIN-COOLMAN, FACES THE EVIL, VILE, CORRUPT AND, YES, MUSICALLY GIFTED DR. HORSEHEAD
YOU WERE FOUND GUILTY OF CHEATING THE GIRL SCOUTS OUT OF COOKIE MONEY! COME GO TO JAIL!
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OH, MY DEAR DEAR DEAR STUPORCAPTAINCOOLMAN, T'AIN'T HAPPENIN'. LOOK!
GULP, A CATEGORY SIX STORM-IN THE CITY!!
COOL, HUH? I CAN CONTROL WEATHER!
YOU CAN'T STOP IT! HA-HA-HA WHINNY
SHOOM!
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ONE SUPERCAPTAINCOOLMAN SNEEZE DID THE TRICK, THANKS TO WHIFFING THIS PEPPER!
CURSES!
CARTOONISTS ARE A STRANGE SPECIES

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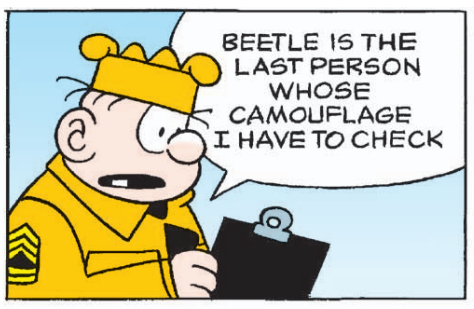

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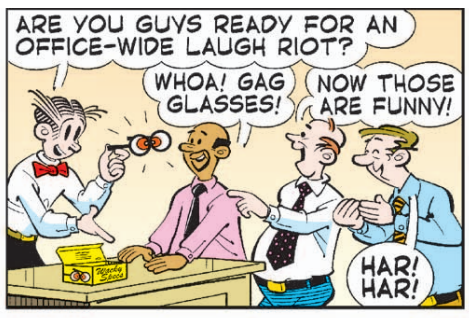

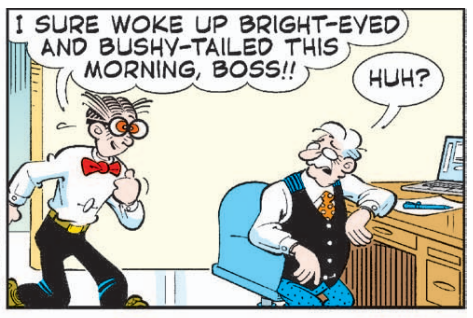

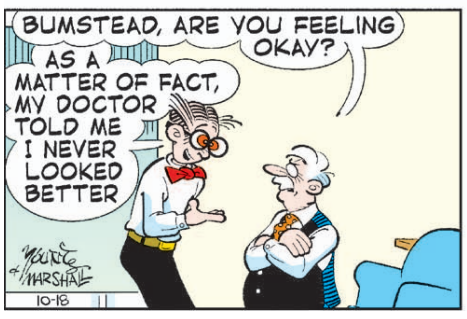

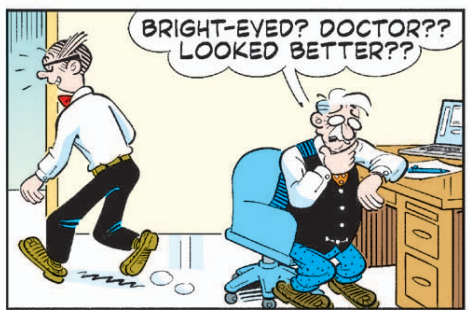

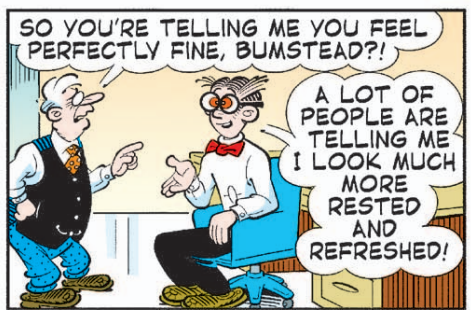
SO YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU FEEL PERFECTLY FINE, BUMSTEAD?!
A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TELLING ME I LOOK MUCH MORE RESTED AND REFRESHED!
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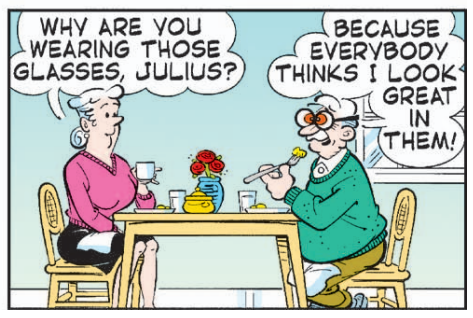

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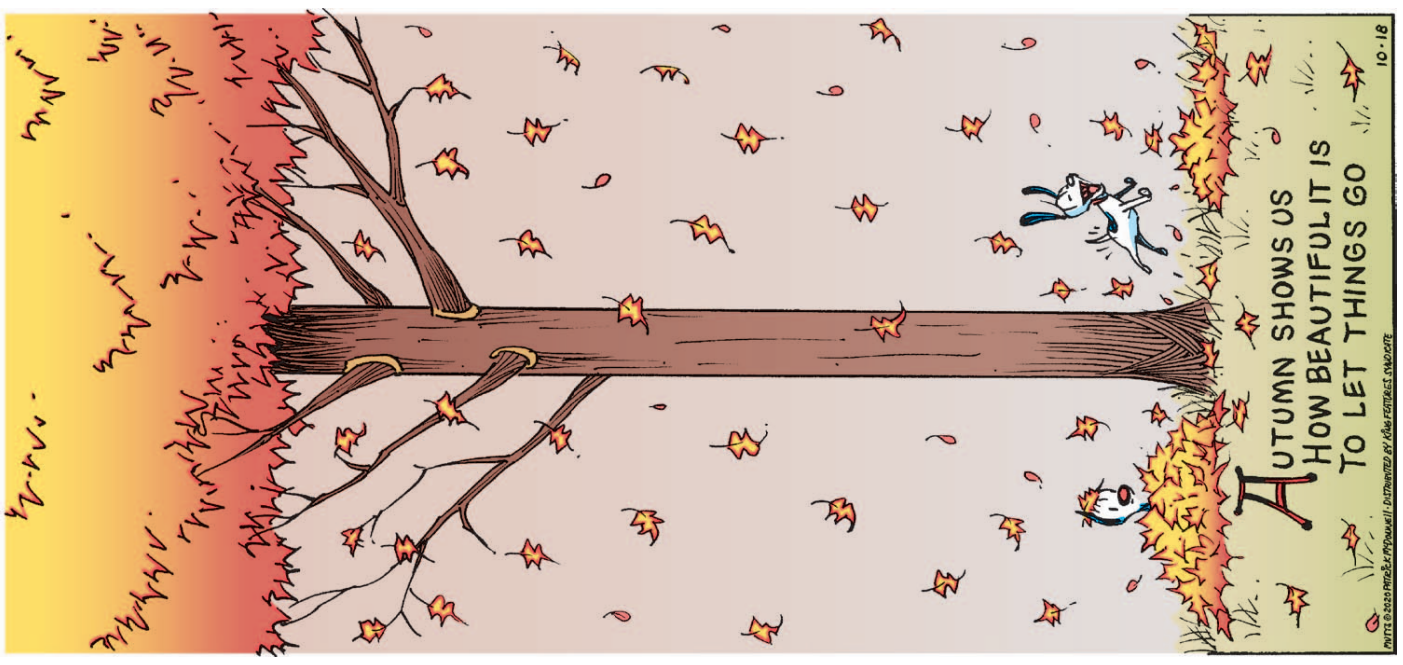

Hi and Lois

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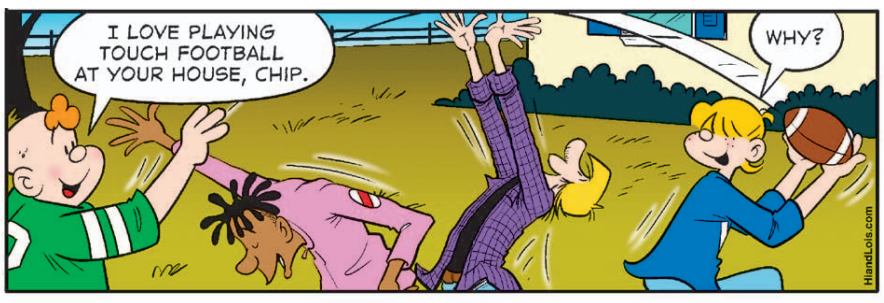

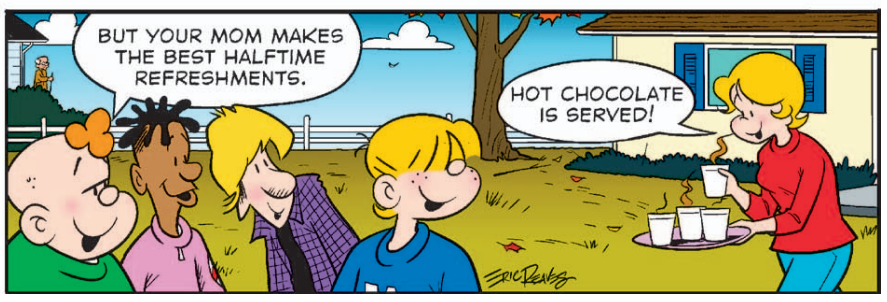

The FAMILY CIRCUS®

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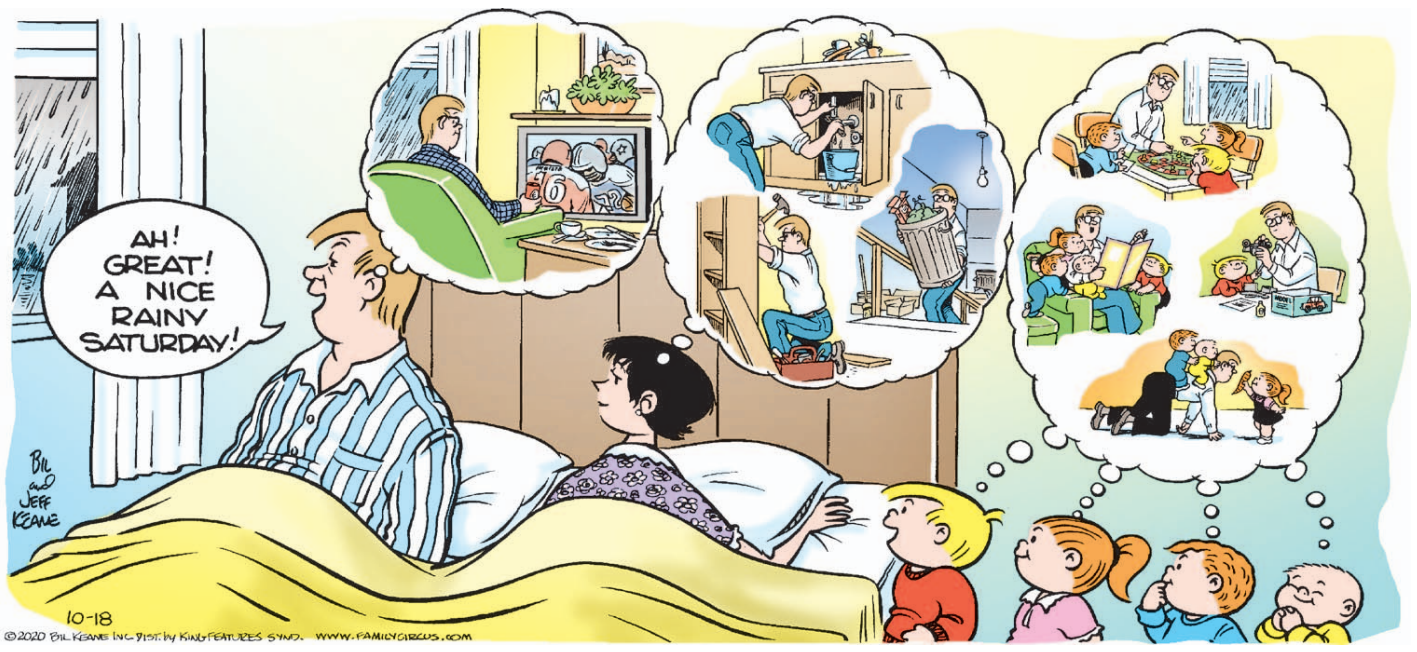
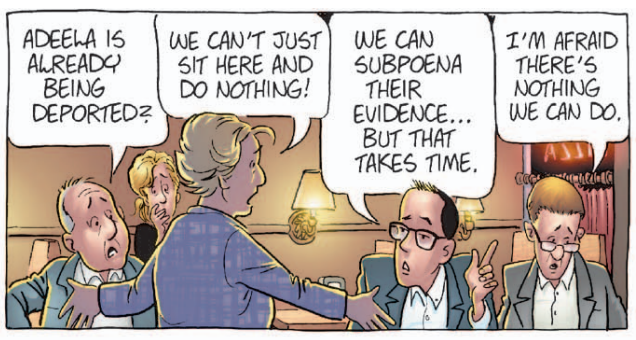
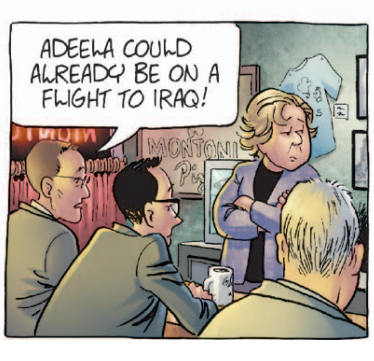
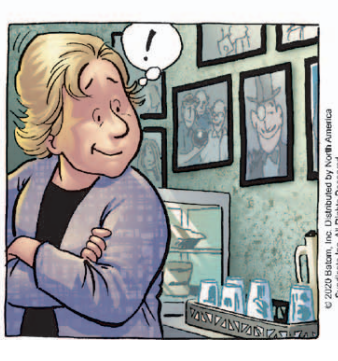


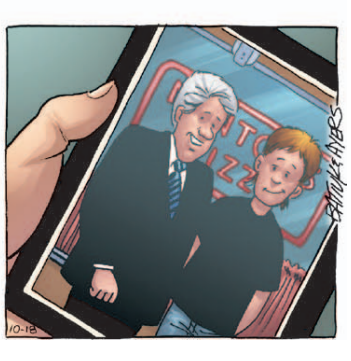
FUNKY WINKERBEAN®

by Tom Batiuk


ADEELA IS ALREADY BEING DEPORTED?
WE CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND DO NOTHING!
WE CAN SUBPOENA THEIR EVIDENCE... BUT THAT TAKES TIME.
I'M AFRAID THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.

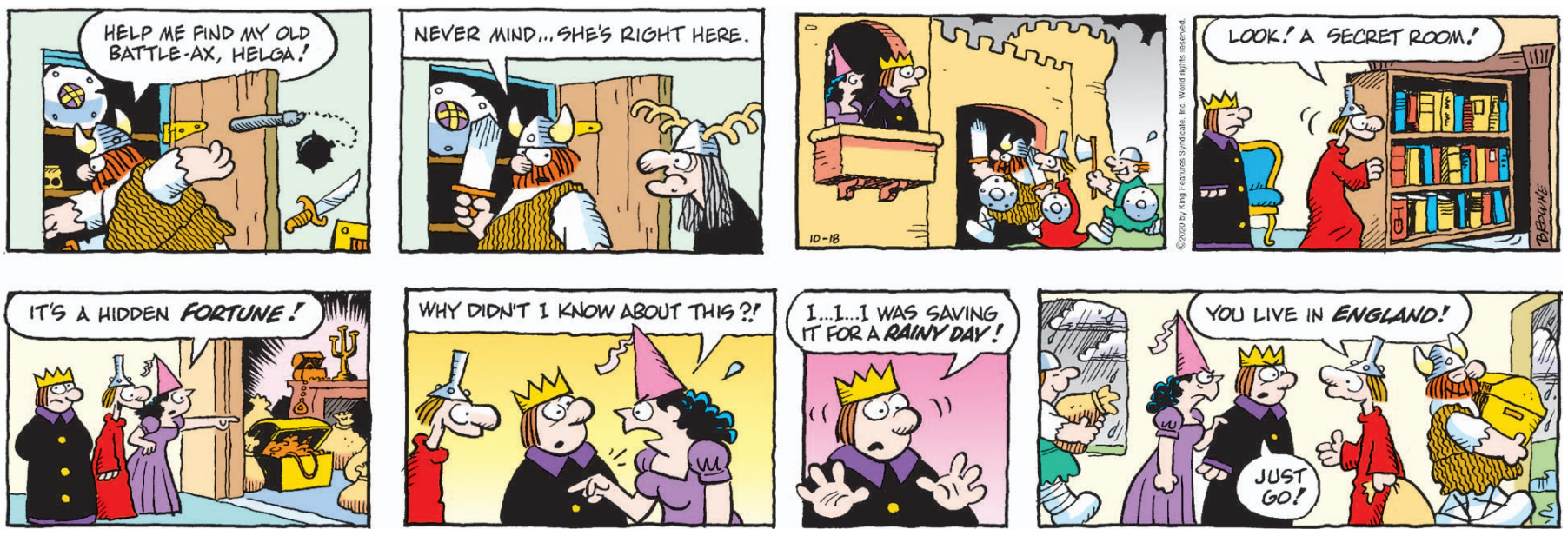






HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


HELP ME FIND MY OLD BATTLE-AX, HELGA!
NEVER MIND... SHE'S RIGHT HERE.
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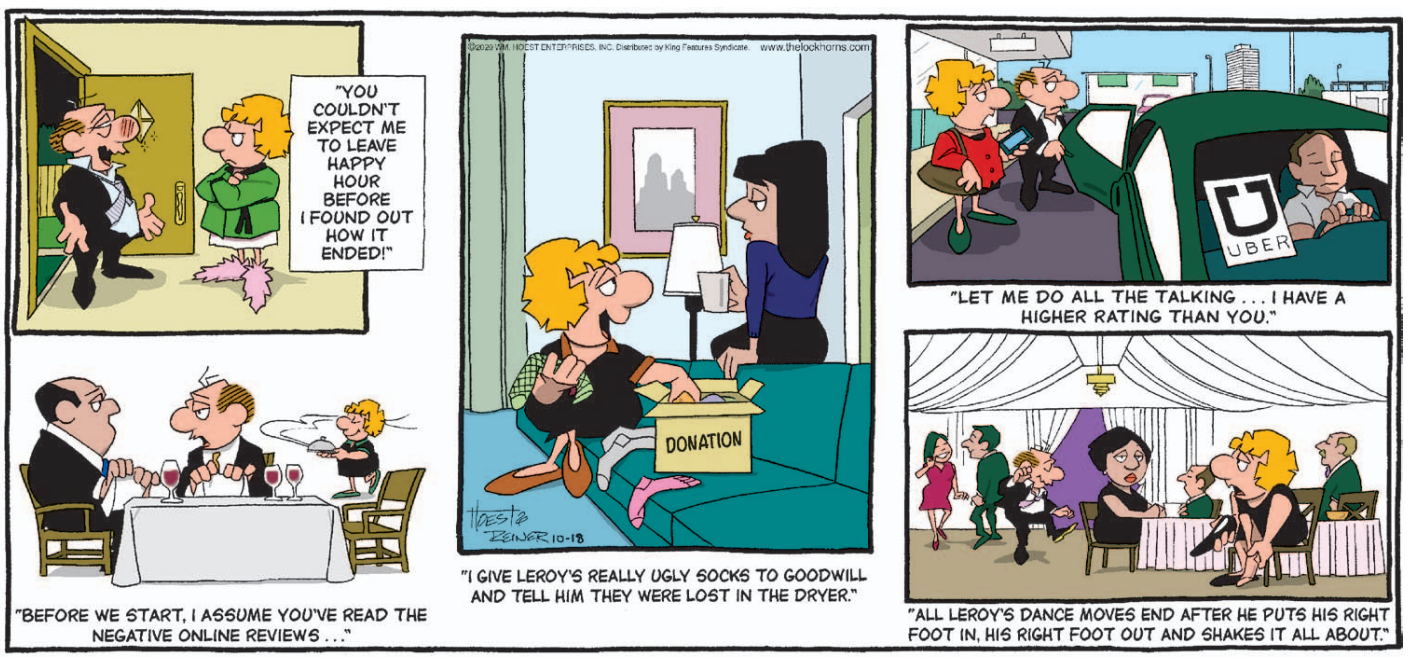
LOOK! A SECRET ROOM!
BROWNE
IT'S A HIDDEN FORTUNE!
WHY DIDN'T I KNOW ABOUT THIS?!
I...I...I WAS SAVING IT FOR A RAINY DAY!
YOU LIVE IN ENGLAND!
JUST GO!

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"YOU COULDN'T EXPECT ME TO LEAVE HAPPY HOUR BEFORE I FOUND OUT HOW IT ENDED!"
"BEFORE WE START, I ASSUME YOU'VE READ THE NEGATIVE ONLINE REVIEWS . . ."
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"LET ME DO ALL THE TALKING . . . I HAVE A HIGHER RATING THAN YOU."
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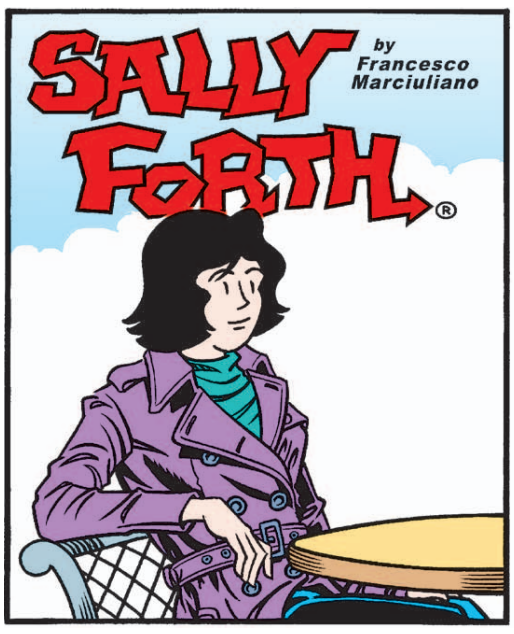
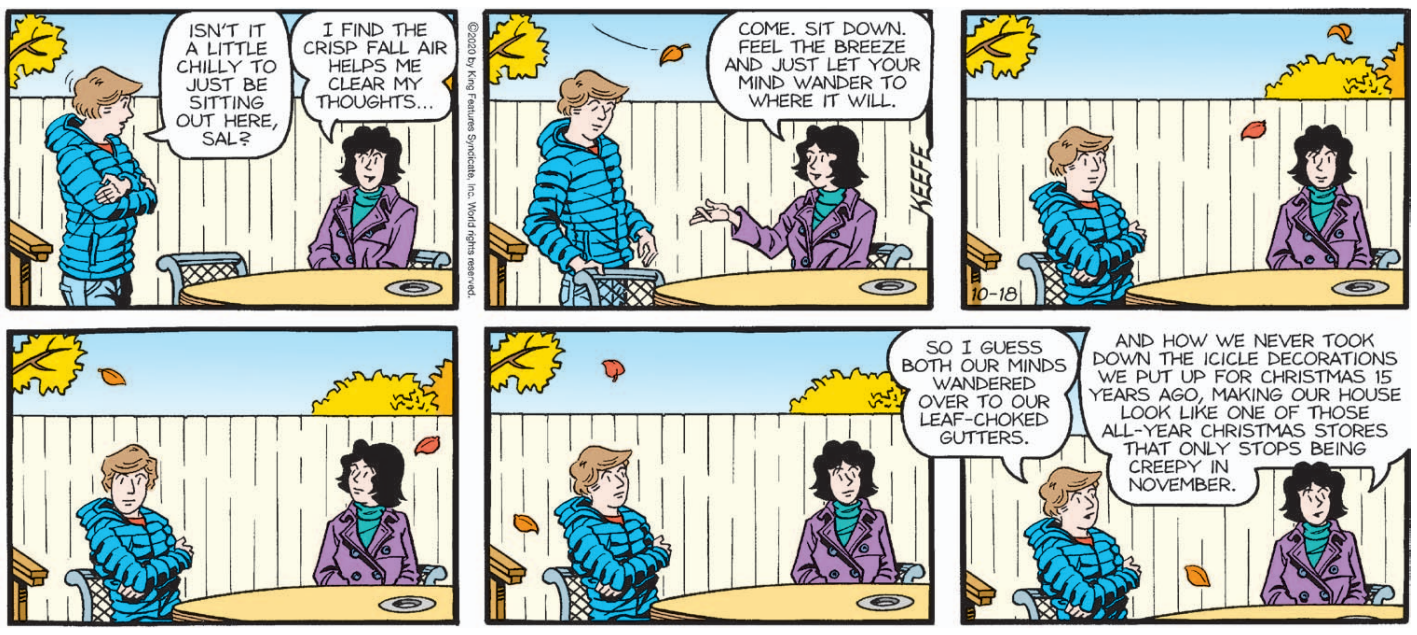
by Francesco Marciuliano




ISN'T IT A LITTLE CHILLY TO JUST BE SITTING OUT HERE, SAL?
I FIND THE CRISP FALL AIR HELPS ME CLEAR MY THOUGHTS...
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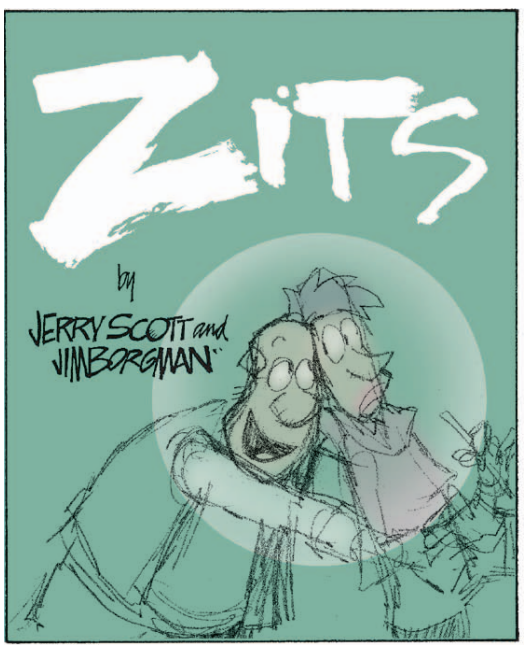
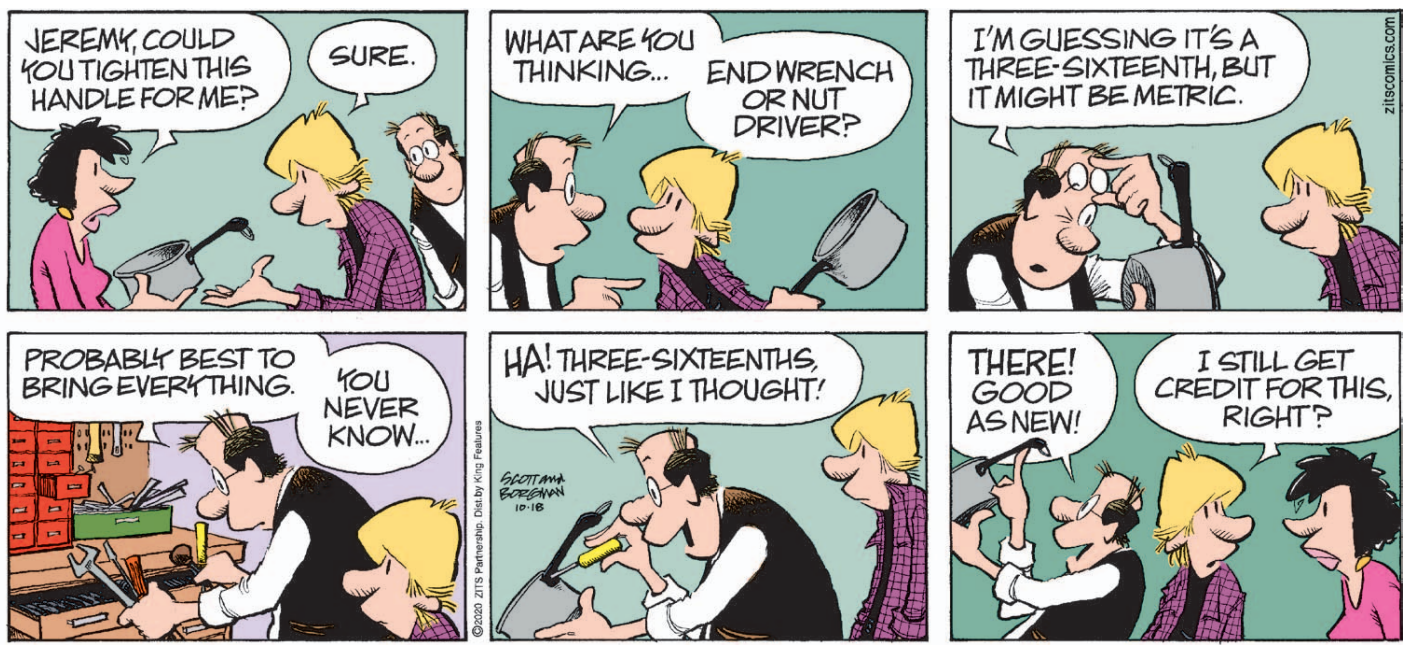
COME. SIT DOWN. FEEL THE BREEZE AND JUST LET YOUR MIND WANDER TO WHERE IT WILL.
KEEFE
10-18
SO I GUESS BOTH OUR MINDS WANDERED OVER TO OUR LEAF-CHOKED GUTTERS.
AND HOW WE NEVER TOOK DOWN THE ICICLE DECORATIONS WE PUT UP FOR CHRISTMAS 15 YEARS AGO, MAKING OUR HOUSE LOOK LIKE ONE OF THOSE ALL-YEAR CHRISTMAS STORES THAT ONLY STOPS BEING CREEPY IN NOVEMBER.

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN




JEREMY, COULD YOU TIGHTEN THIS HANDLE FOR ME?
SURE.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING...
END WRENCH OR NUT DRIVER?
I'M GUESSING IT'S A THREE-SIXTEENTH, BUT IT MIGHT BE METRIC.
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PROBABLY BEST TO BRING EVERYTHING.
YOU NEVER KNOW...
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HA! THREE-SIXTEENTHS, JUST LIKE I THOUGHT!
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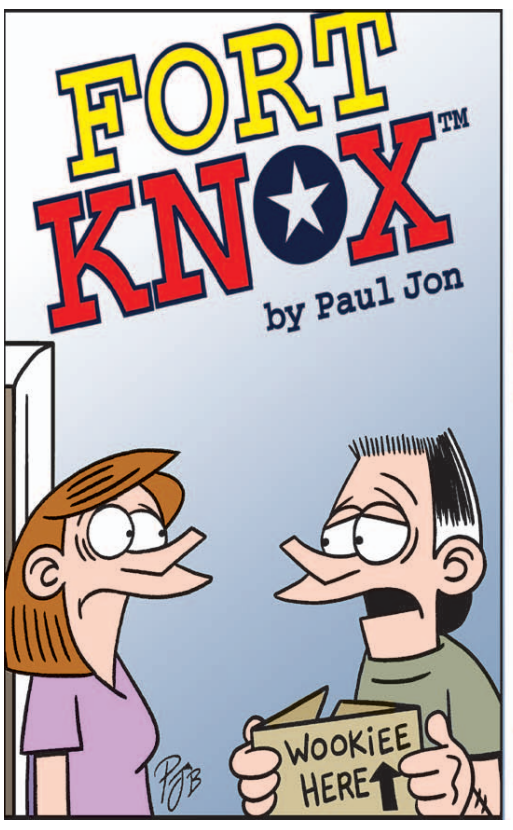
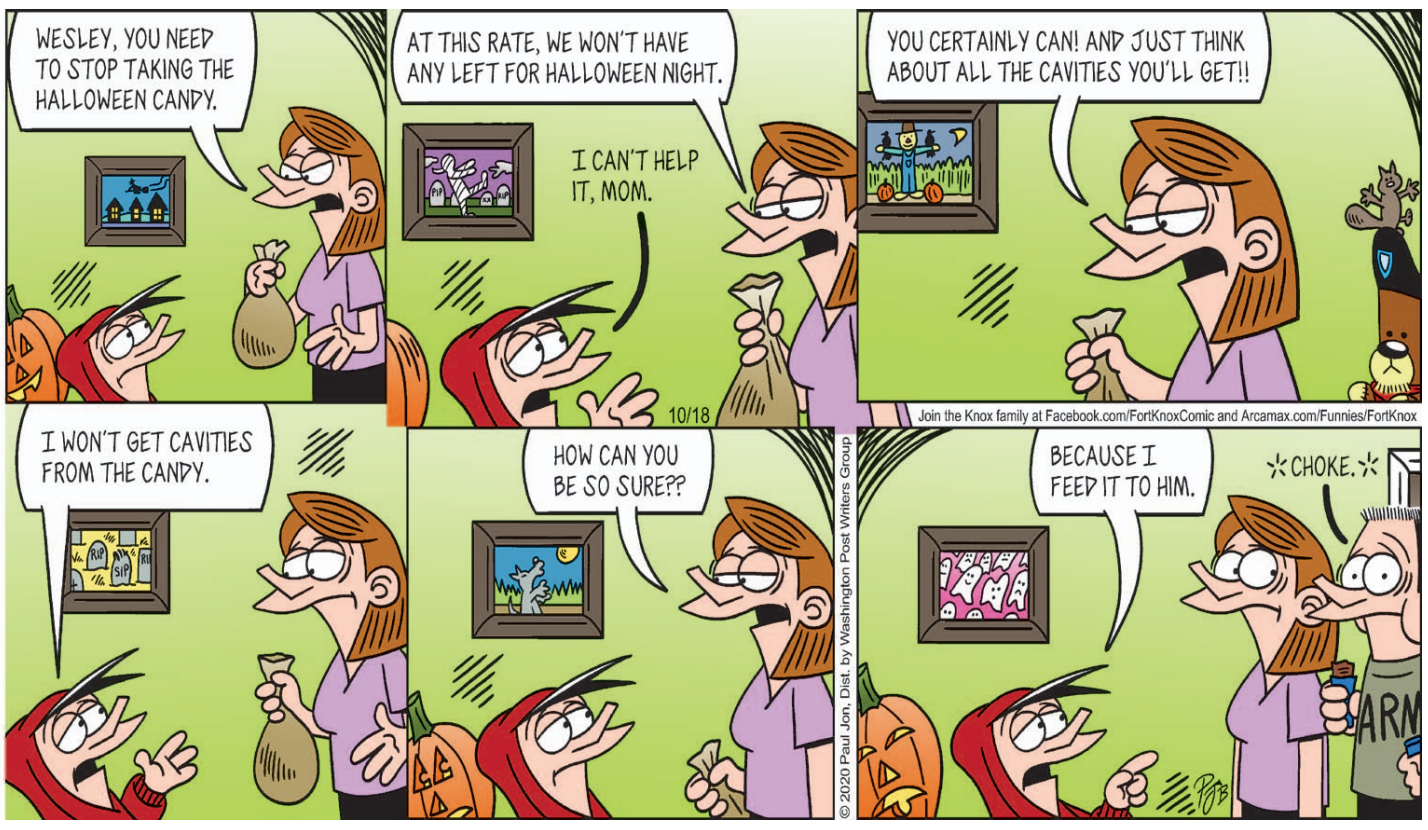
THERE! GOOD AS NEW!
I STILL GET CREDIT FOR THIS, RIGHT?

FORT KNOX™

by Paul Jon




WESLEY, YOU NEED TO STOP TAKING THE HALLOWEEN CANDY.
AT THIS RATE, WE WON'T HAVE ANY LEFT FOR HALLOWEEN NIGHT.
I CAN'T HELP IT, MOM.
YOU CERTAINLY CAN! AND JUST THINK ABOUT ALL THE CAVITIES YOU'LL GET!!
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I WON'T GET CAVITIES FROM THE CANDY.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE??
BECAUSE I FEED IT TO HIM.
CHOKE.
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WIZARD OF ID

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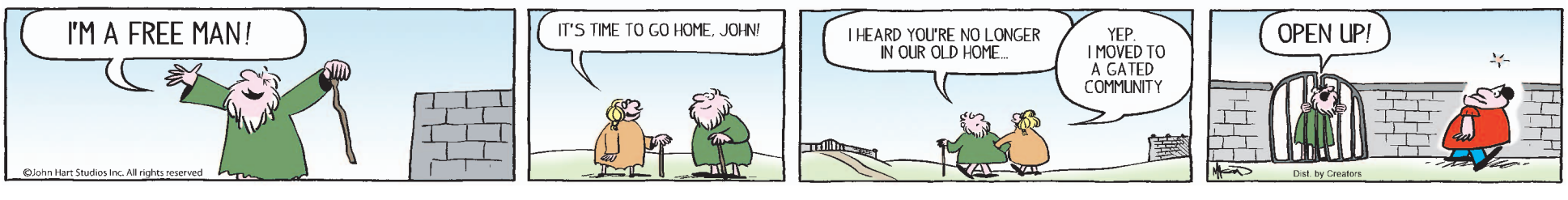
I'M A FREE MAN!
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IT'S TIME TO GO HOME, JOHN!
I HEARD YOU'RE NO LONGER IN OUR OLD HOME...
YEP. I MOVED TO A GATED COMMUNITY
OPEN UP!
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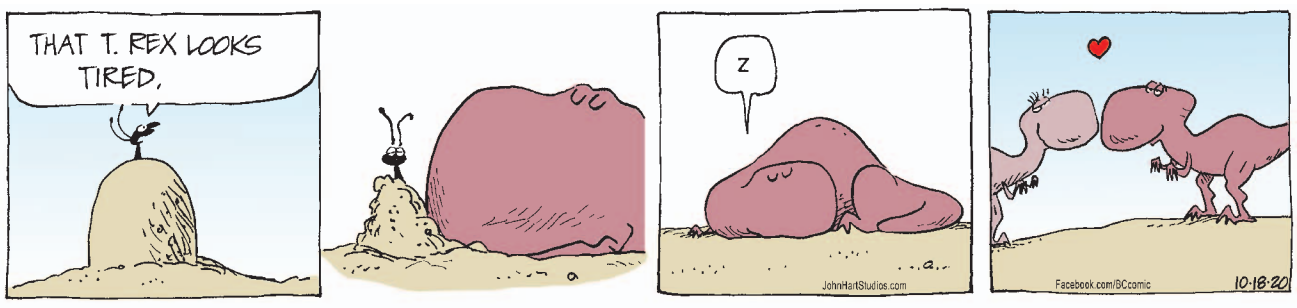
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART



BIZARRO

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DUSTIN

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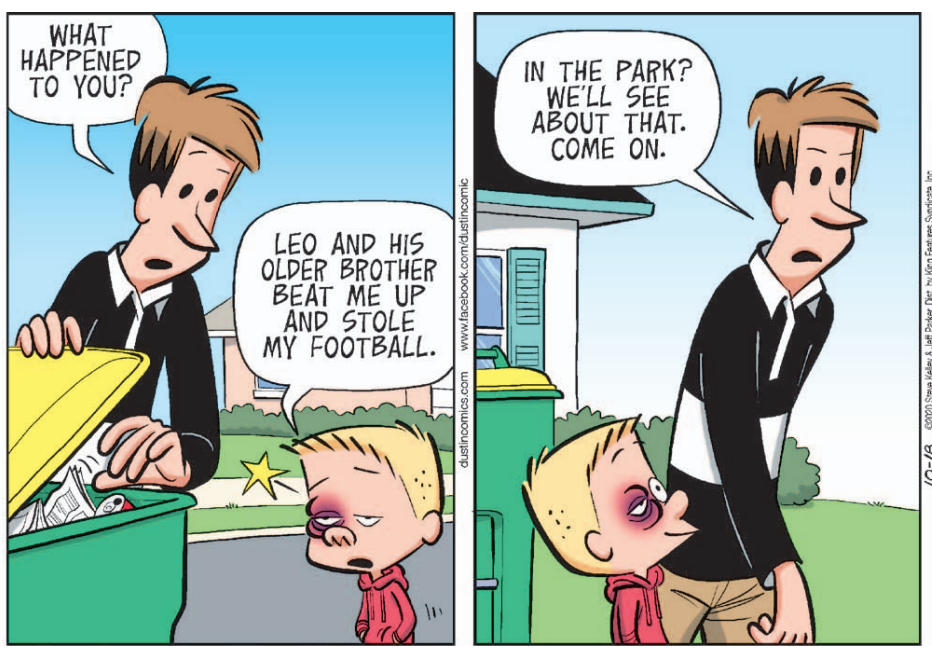
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
LEO AND HIS OLDER BROTHER BEAT ME UP AND STOLE MY FOOTBALL.
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IN THE PARK? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT. COME ON.
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THAT KID WAS BIG FOR A NINE-YEAR-OLD.
KELLEY and PARKER
YOU DID YOUR BEST.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

HALLOWEEN MASKS ARE JUST NOT THE SAME ANYMORE
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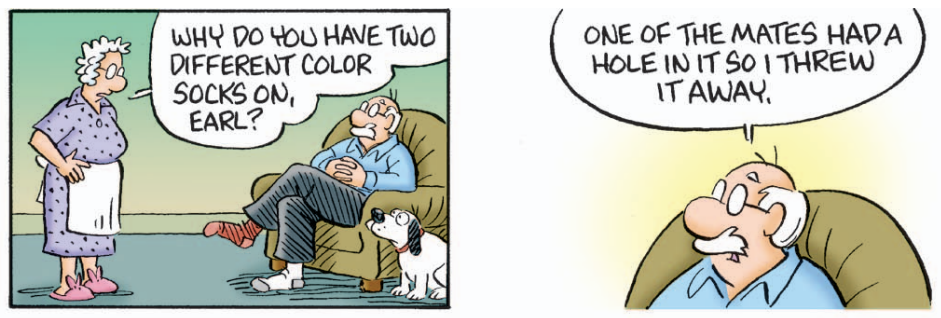
MIKE PETERS

PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE


WHY DO YOU HAVE TWO DIFFERENT COLOR SOCKS ON, EARL?
ONE OF THE MATES HAD A HOLE IN IT SO I THREW IT AWAY.
I SEE. SO IF A MATE WEARS OUT YOU JUST GET RID OF IT, DO YOU?
UHH... ARE WE STILL TALKING ABOUT SOCKS HERE?
IF ONE SOCK WEARS OUT, YOU DON'T MATCH UP THE GOOD SOCK WITH SOME OTHER RANDOM SOCK, THAT'S JUST WRONG!
I HAD NO IDEA SHE FELT SO STRONGLY ABOUT INFIDELITY AMONG SOCKS.
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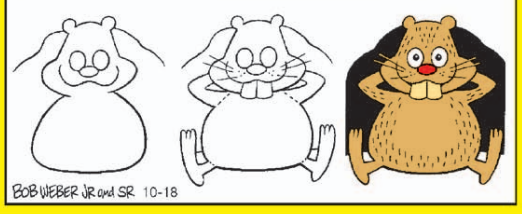
Solution -- Everyone correctly guessed the living room!

HOW TO DRAW a not-so-busy beaver



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How much food can a large gray wolf eat in one sitting?

a) 4.5 pounds
b) 9 pounds
c) 14.7 pounds
d) 19 pounds
e) 22.5 pounds

Answer e)

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Freckles, apple stem, tooth, pillow, wolf's ear and bedpost.

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